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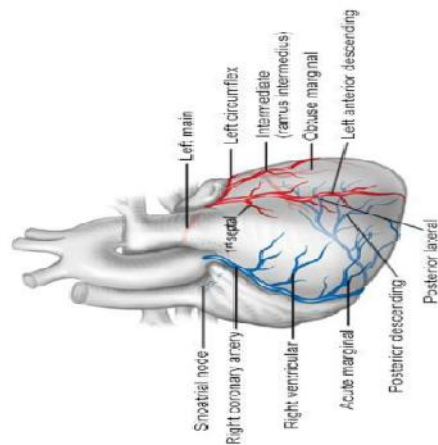
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ABBREVIATION

MI	-	Myocardial Infarction
SCD	-	Sudden Cardiac Death
ECG	-	Electrocardiography
ESR	-	Erythrocyte sedimentation rate
LORCA	-	Laser Assisted optical rotation cell analyzer
CFA	-	Cell flow analyzer
EAAT	-	Erythrocyte aggregation/adhesiveness test
ECHO	-	Echocardiography
AMI	-	Acute myocardial infarction
CHD	-	Coronary heart disease
CAD	-	Coronary artery disease
HF	-	Heart Failure
PA	-	Photoacoustics
ATS	-	Atherosclerosis
IHD	-	Ischemic Heart Disease
CIHD	-	Chronic IHD with Congestive Heart Failure
LDL	-	Low Density Lipoprotein
HDL	-	High Density Lipoprotein
VLDL	-	Very Low Density Lipoprotein
CPK	-	Creatine phosphokinase
LDH	-	Lactate dehydrogenase
RBC	-	Red Blood Cells
Px	-	Prognosis
EA	-	Erythrocyte aggregation
STEMI	-	ST elevation myocardial infarction
RV	-	right ventricle
LV	-	left ventricle
AWMI	-	anterior wall MI
IWMI	-	inferior wall MI
RVMI	-	right ventricular MI
RCA	-	right coronary artery
LAD	-	left anterior descending artery
LCX	-	left circumflex artery

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ABSTRACT

A simple slide test and analysis of image was used to reveal the presence of an acute-phase response in subjects of acute myocardial infarction. Erythrocytes tend to aggregate when an inflammatory process like atherosclerosis in coronary artery disease. Evaluation of erythrocyte adhesiveness/aggregation (EAAT) is currently available to the physicians indirectly by erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR). The ESR correlates poorly with erythrocyte aggregation, hence a simple slide test using citrated blood was used to evaluate erythrocyte aggregation in grades by microscopically and also by using image analysis.

AIM OF THE STUDY:

To study erythrocyte aggregation and adhesiveness by a simple slide test in subjects with acute ST-elevated myocardial infarction (STEMI) in predicting the outcome within 1 week.

METHODS AND MATERIALS:

Fifty patients of acute STEMI who came to the ICCU of Government Royapettah Hospital were included in the study, onset of chest pain within 6 hrs, Subjects with retrosternal chest pain persisting for more than 30 min and with ST segment elevation 1 mm in limb leads and 2 mm in chest leads in at least two contiguous ECG leads were included in the study. Citrated blood was subjected to simple slide test and stained smears were reexamined under 400X and graded into four grades.

OUTCOMES

To find out whether there is any statistically significance between the grades of erythrocyte aggregation and prognosis of STEMI patients within 1 week.

Good Prognosis: Recovery is good

Bad Prognosis: Patient developed reperfusion arrhythmias, LVF, recurrent Infarction, VT and VF, cardiogenic shock, death from cardiac and non cardiac causes.

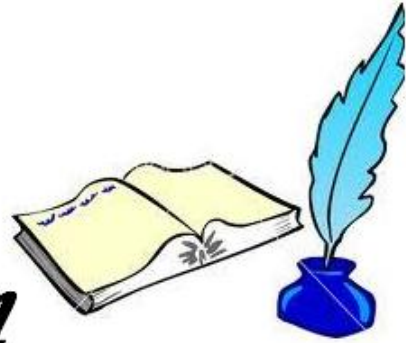
RESULTS:

'P' value between the Grades of RBC Aggregation and the prognosis of the patients with STEMI was <0.05 .

CONCLUSION:

EAAT is a simple bedside slide test for erythrocyte aggregation, which indirectly find out the presence and proportion of inflammation. This test also has the potential to assess the prognosis of STEMI patients. It can also be used as a screening test for patients with STEMI to find out high-risk individuals so that necessary interventions (like PCI) could be adopted.

Introduction



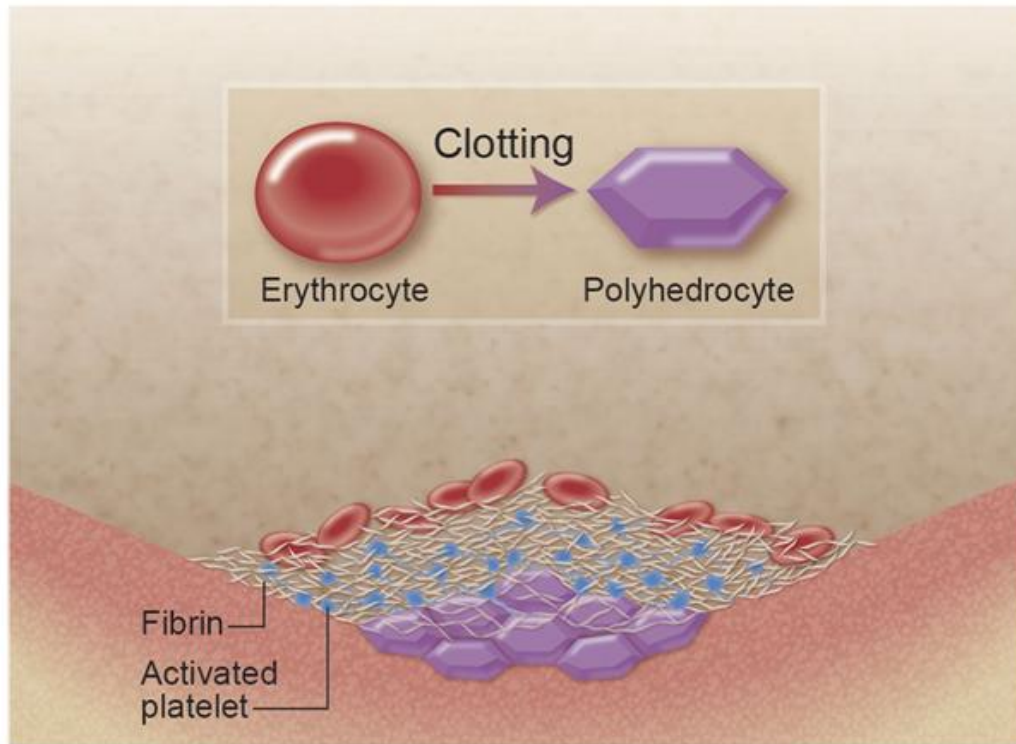
INTRODUCTION

The main cause of death in the world are up to twelve millions death per each year due to cardiac diseases mainly CAD. "MI (myocardial infarction) is the irreversible necrosis of heart muscle due to prolonged hypoxia leads to ischemic changes in the cardiac muscle and occurs from an imbalance between O₂ supply and demand, frequently caused by atheroma ruptured to form small plaques that will lead to thrombus development in a coronary arteries. [1]

Red blood cells are mainly involved in a formation and development of clot or thrombus or clot. Red cells have some adhesive molecules such as proteins. They have more intensity of attachment to the endothelium of coronary blood vessels. EAAT or red cell aggregation test include in acute-phase response that leads to alterations in the membrane component phospholipid, especially in a subjects with high lipid profile. [2, 3]

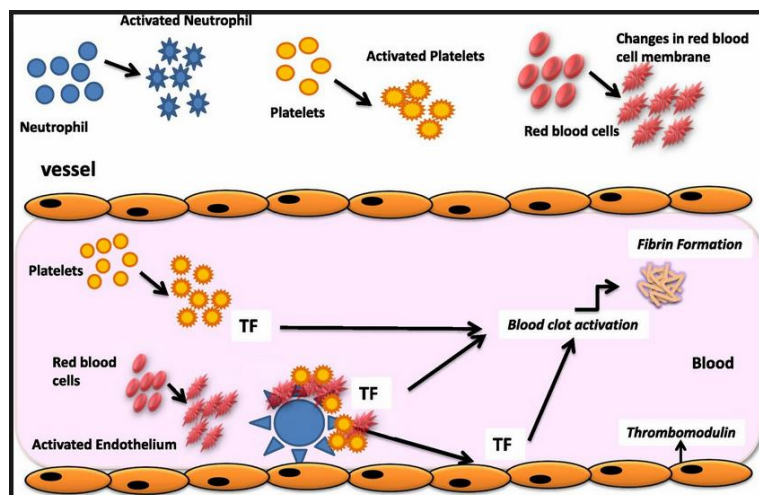
In normal, red cells act against free radicals i.e. reactive O₂ or N₂ species. Once free radical production more than antioxidant activity of red cells. At of this stage the morphology or shape of the red cell is altered that leads to aggregation or rouleaux formation. Once it is happened, the red cells gets the property to attachment to the coronary

vascular endothelium, this finally leads to the vascular endothelial damage. If damages occur in the vascular endothelium that will leads to adherence of other factors of atheroma formation.[2,4,5,6]



Picture: 1 shows structural changes in RBC tends to aggregation

Red cells aggregation is independent RF for clot or thrombus formation leads to blockage in both arterial system and venous systems. These properties of red cells aggregation, would also be easily identifiable in the small peripheral capillaries with poor circulation. In this study shows, that there is relation between the atheroma formation in the vascular system and red cells aggregation.



Picture: 2 shows red cells leads to thrombus formation

Erythrocyte or red cells aggregation is found out indirectly through Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate (ESR). But this has not adequately correlates with EA. EA can be observed accurately by INFLAMET (designed in Israel), LORCA, CFA and MyreneRheometer. [2,8,7] These are expensive tests, here using a simple slide test done at bed side and very easy method, low expensive, rapid method for detecting the grades of red cells aggregation by EAAT (EA and adhesiveness test) and directly seen and assessing the grades of EA. This method is useful for detecting any inflammation occurs in the vascular system. [9]

This simple test will be done to help the physician to know about the pathology of ASTEMI (acute ST segment elevation MI) patients with their prognosis and thereby in giving appropriate therapy. In this physician subjectively assigning the grades of EA under the microscope (oil immersion field) from subjects of ASTEMI and compared with their prognosis.

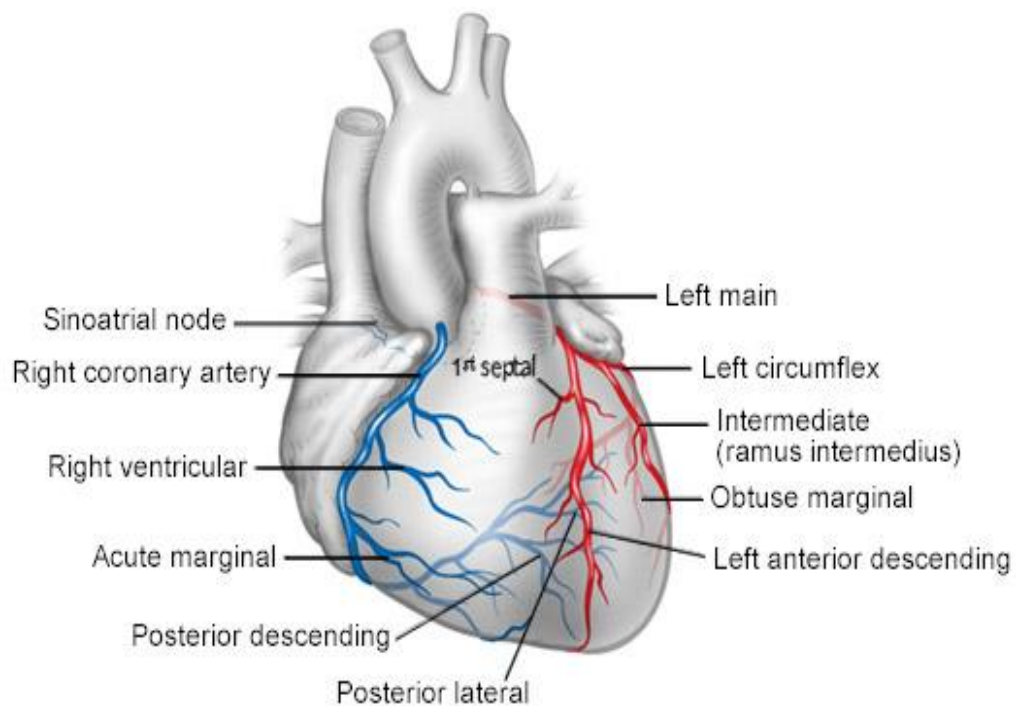
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LITERATURE REVIEW

ANATOMY: BLOOD SUPPLY OF THE HEART

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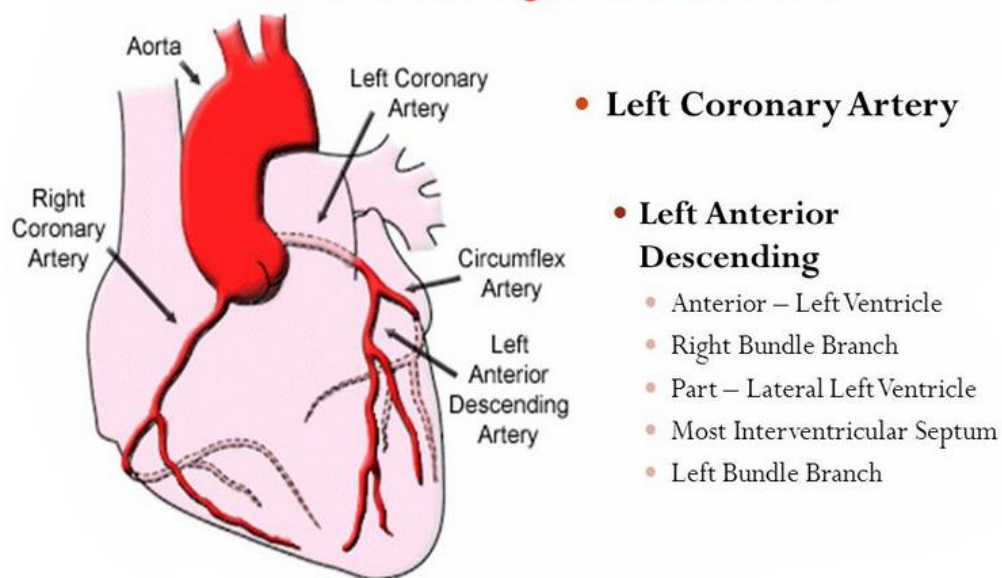


Picture: 3 Blood supply of the Heart

Right coronary vessel supplies whole of the RV and posterior part of the LV. Left coronary vessel supplies mainly the anterior and lateral

parts of the LV. There are many variations in diameter of coronary vessels.

Coronary Arteries



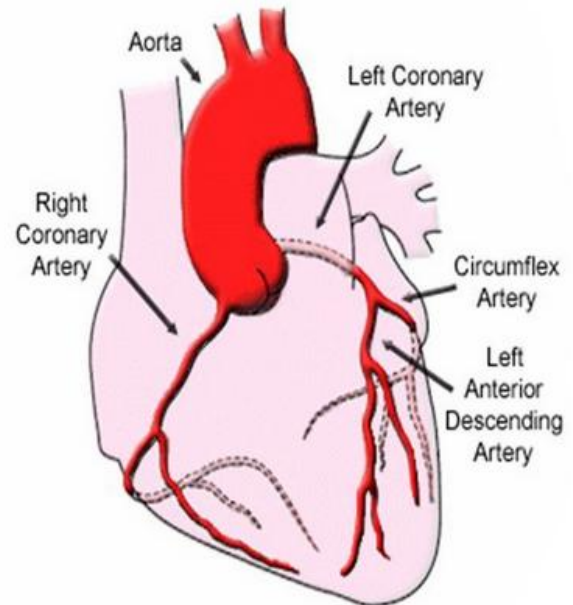
Picture: 4 LAD and its branches

The left coronary vessel originates from the left coronary cusp or sinus of the aortic valve. It divides into the LCx branch and the left anterior descending branch in the AV sulcus. [10]

The LAD branch runs down the anterior part of the LV and reaches the inferior margin and gives anastomotic branches to the diagonal branch of the right coronary vessel. The septum and anterior heart are mainly supplied by this branch.

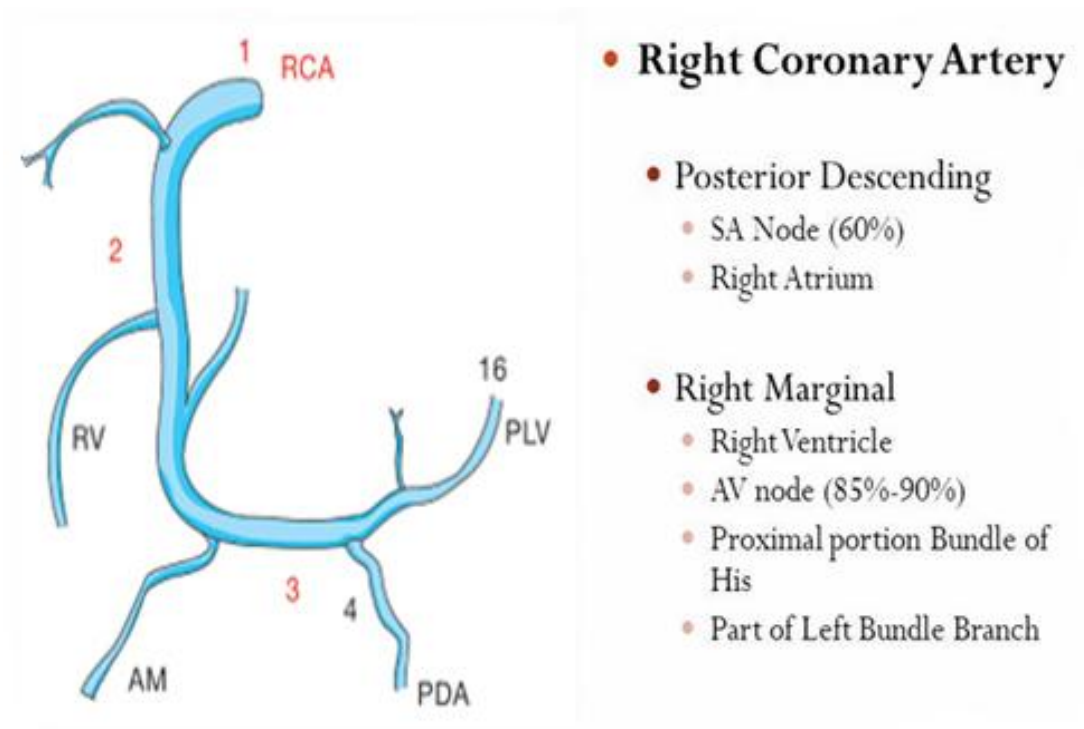
- **Circumflex**

- Left Atrium
- Lateral – Left Ventricle
- Inferior–Left Ventricle (15%)
- Posterior-Left Ventricle
- SA Node (40%)
- AV Node (10%-15%)

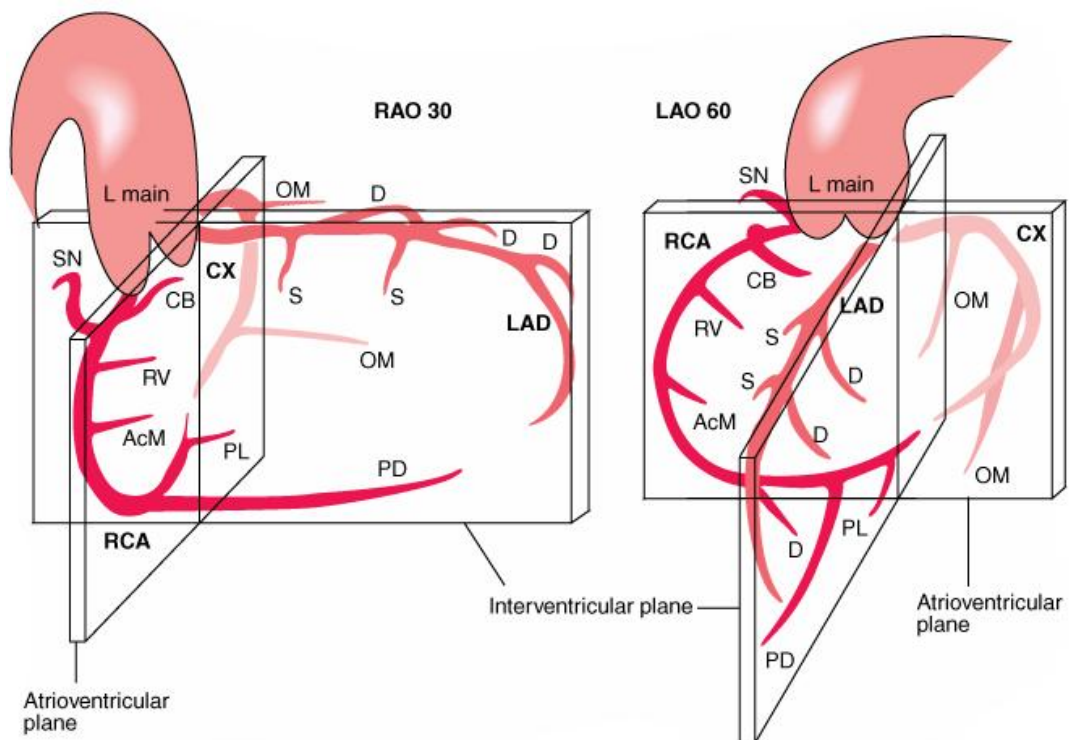


Picture: 5 shows LCX and its branches

The left circumflex vessel runs through the AV sulcus turn around the AV sulcus and give branches for anastomosis with right coronary vessel. Most of the lateral wall and part of anterior wall are supplied by this vessel. [10]



Picture:6 RCA and its branches



Picture: 7 shows RCA, LAD, LCx with all branches

Anatomical variations:

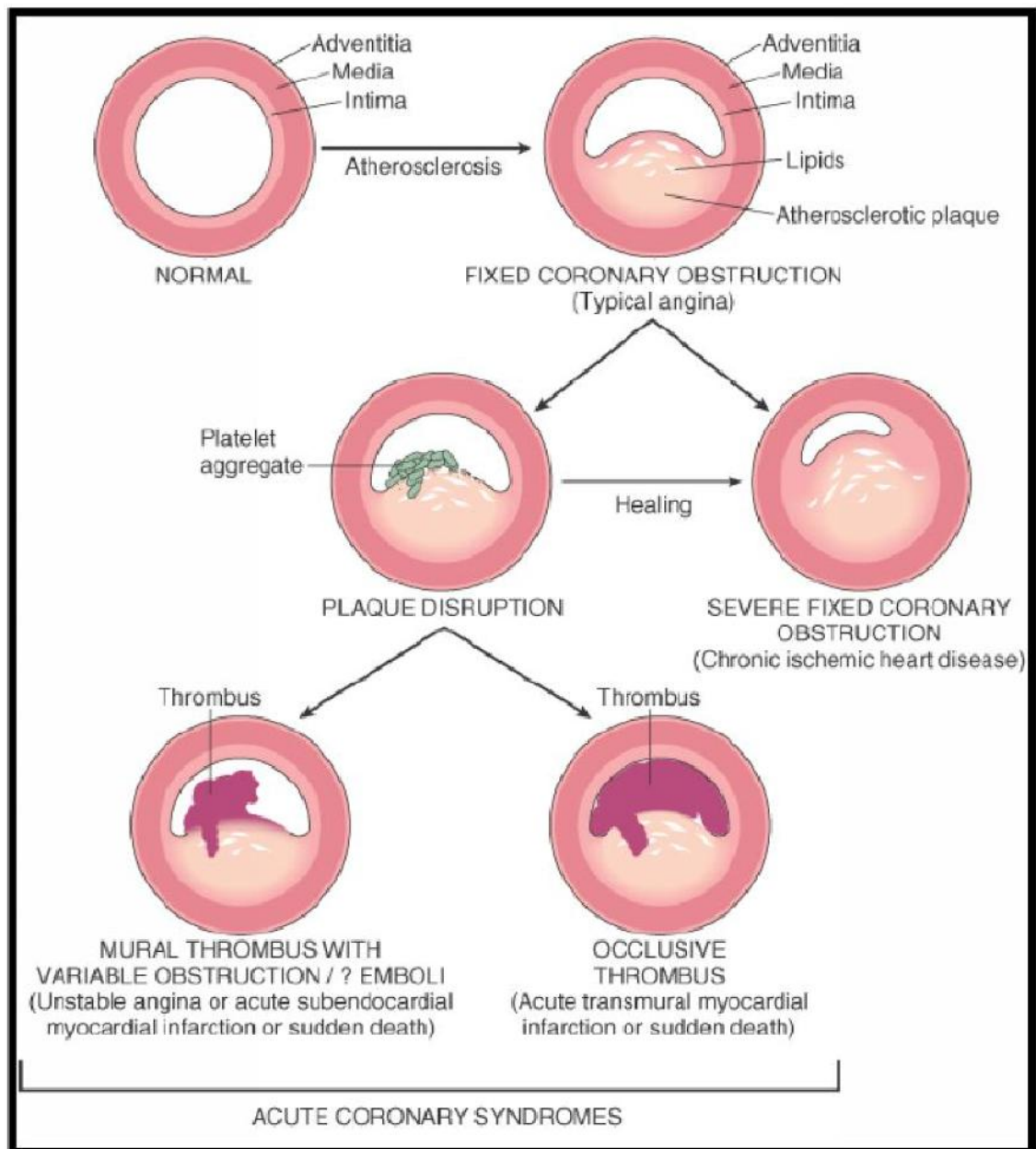
1. In fifty to sixty percent of persons, the RCA is larger and its called right dominant and supplies more parts of the heart than left vessel.
2. In fifteen to twenty percent of persons, left vessel is larger and its called left dominant.
3. In twenty to thirty percent of persons, both arteries supply almost equal^[11]

PATHOPHYSIOLOGY:

The blood supply to the myocardium is decreased due to blockage of coronary vessels leads to hypoxia there is O₂ supply is diminished to heart muscle. Cardiac ischemia due to prolonged diminution of O₂ leads to incomplete removal of metabolites. There is an imbalance between O₂ supply and O₂ demand leads to ischemia.

Stable atherosclerotic plaque leads to ischemia and it produces pain in the chest. Any dislodgement from this plaque or clot due to spasm of coronary vessels leads to ACS. The blood flow is very much decreased in this condition. Chance of MI due to non atheromatous cause is very less.

The first step in initiating the atheromatous lesion formation is endothelial injury. Lesion initiation occurs when endothelial cells, activated by RF such as hyperlipoproteinemia, become more permeable and express the chemottractant molecules that recruit leucocytes, lymphocytes and monocytes. There is release of enzymes, cytokines and growth factors which leads to focal necrosis of vessel wall. The simultaneous repairing process will occur after necrosis and it is called fibrosis. The ECF lipids accumulate in the inner layer of the vessel wall. [12]



Picture: 7 pathogenesis of CAD

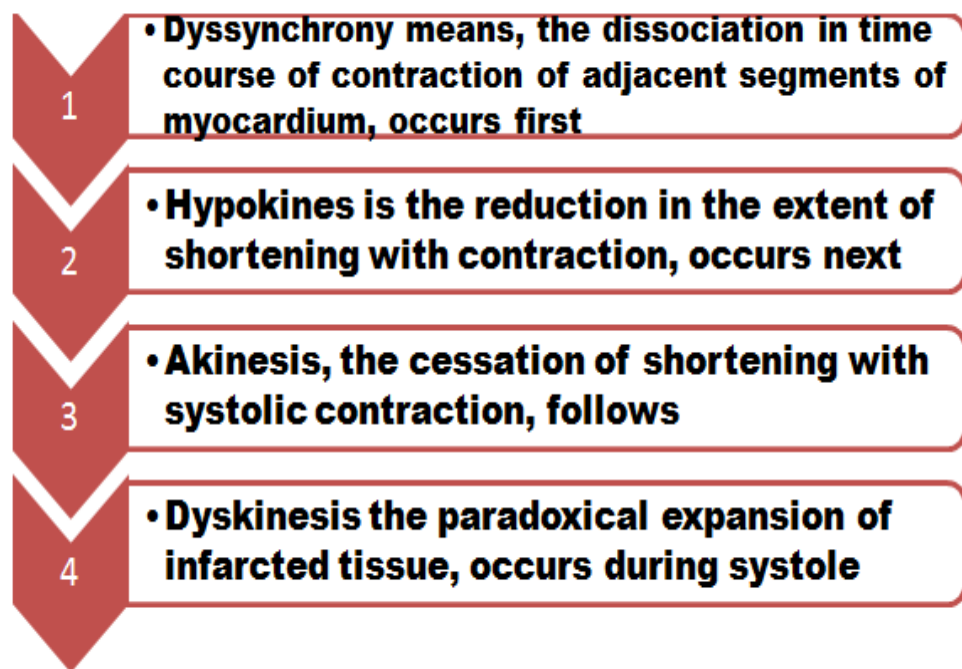
Activation of thrombocytes leads to attached to the sub endothelial adhesion molecules. It has thrombogenic potential and bind with laminin, fibronectin, collagen and binding to GP Ib receptor to form of vWF. Endothelial collagen is a strong stimulator of activation of platelets.

The atheroma plaque contains lipid laden macropages in tunica adventitia release TF (tissue factor) and covert to prothrombin to thrombin. These are also a potent stimulant for activation of platelet. ADP, TXnA₂, and serotonin are auto stimulatory agonists of PA. Activated thrombocytes and GP IIb/IIIa both are cross-linked between each other by vWf or fibrinogen in the end common pathway of PA.

The extent of O₂ deprivation leads to patient gets the clinical symptoms of ASTEMI. It is depends on plaque stability fixed, fissured and eroded plaque. MI can be manifested as by chest discomfort, breathlessness, specific or nonspecific ecg changes, decreased myocardial contractility, decreased cardiac output and peripheral blood flow. In case of stable angina, ischemic pain occurs only when O₂ demands beyond the O₂ supply seen in incomplete coronary blockage. It is slowly changes into over a time. [12]

When it is rupture and form thrombus which contain platelets. The blood flow to the coronary vessel is decreased and it cause myocardial ischemia or infarction. The demand of O₂ and supply of O₂ to myocardial tissue, this imbalance determines reversible MI without necrosis (unstable angina) or myocardial ischemia with necrosis.

Acute ischemic condition may leads to impaired contraction of myocardium due to reduced cardiac output. In acute MI, the basic alteration is loss of function of the myocardial tissue. When O₂ supply is further reduced to the tissues leads to defective contraction.



When size of the infarct is increase may leads to affect large portion of myocardial segment that case failure of pumping capacity of heart. This leads to LV EDV and LV ESV increase and decrease CO, stroke volume, and BP. When LV pressure is raised, that leads to elevation of left atrial pressure. Chronic elevation leads to pressure changes in the lung capillaries leads to pulmonary edema and CCF. When CCF occurs it leads to reduced CO and decrease blood flow to the brain and kidney.

ST-ELEVATION MI

The main symptom of ischemic heart disease is pain in the chest, and the history should ask about character of the pain such as radiating to shoulder, arm, upper back, jaw and chin and ask about duration of the pain and quality of the pain. Patients presented with any history of breathlessness, sweating, vomiting and palpitations are noted.



Picture: 8 closed fist sign is called LEVINE sign

Clinical symptoms of acute MI frequently will be elaborated as discomfort of the chest rather than pain. Classic symptoms of angina are tightness in the chest, squeezing, feel heaviness in the chest and

compressing in nature. Less common symptoms are sharp stabbing or knife like pain. The classic location is pain in the central area of the chest, left side chest and radiating to neck, arm and back. [13]

Any strain or stress or cold climate can cause angina pain. Ischemic pain or anginal pain is lasting less than ten minutes, and sometimes lasting ten to twenty minutes. Stable one is relived by two to five minutes of rest and NTG. In AMI is mostly associated with intolerable pain in the chest associated with discomfort in the chest. This also associated with sweating, nausea, breathlessness and easy fatigue.

30% of the ASTEMI subjects have atypical symptoms clinically not associated with specific symptoms of MI. Some patients gets silent MI. Patients with atypical symptoms has worse prognosis than typical one. Female patients and aged patients are usually to have atypical pain or nonspecific pain. and the elderly are more likely to have atypical presentations.

RISK FACTORS:**NON MODIFIABLE RF:**

- Age
- Sex-male
- Positive family history
- Detection polymorphism in the ACE gene

MODIFIABLE RF

- High levels of serum lipids
- History of Smoking
- DM
- SHT
- Chronic ethanol use
- Sedentary life style
- high fibrinogen, factor 7
- c-RP
- high homocystein level in the blood, gout
- type A personality
- obese individuals
- soft water,OCP

DIAGNOSIS OF ASTEMI:

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION:

The physical examination is quite nonspecific in ACS diagnosis and it is not useful in differentiating patients with ACS with non cardiac cause. Subjects with ASTEMI may appear deceptively well without any clinical signs of distress or may be uncomfortable, pale, cyanotic, and in respiratory distress. Most important thing in physical examination is to identify the consequences of acute ischemia. The patient may have normal or bradycardicrhythm, tachycardiacrhythm, or irregular pulses. Bradycardia are more common in patients with IWMI. If heart block and bradycardiac rhythm are associated with AWTMI will be bad prognostic sign. Sometimes BP may be low (hypotension) or high (hypertension). In AMI, there is impaired contraction of the myocardium leads to S1 and S2 are decreased. In fifteen to fifteen percentage of subjects with STEMI have S3 gallop. In subjects with longstanding SHT or dysfunction of the myocardium have 4th heart sound (S4). S3 also present in patients with MI with cardiac failure. Sometimes patient with ASTEMI will have systolic murmur due to impaired function of the papillary muscle due to infarction. It leads to acute MR with cardiac failure and also rupture of LV leads to VSD. Differential diagnosis of ASTEMI like dissection of the aorta can be differentiated by examining the unequal pulse and early diastolic murmur due to AR. [12]

ASTEMI patients developed cardiac failure having signs of HF like bilateral basal crepitations of the lungs, sometimes presented with s3 gallop along with LV failure. They also have signs of CCF, elevated JVP, swelling of legs, distension of neck vein and hepato jugular reflex.

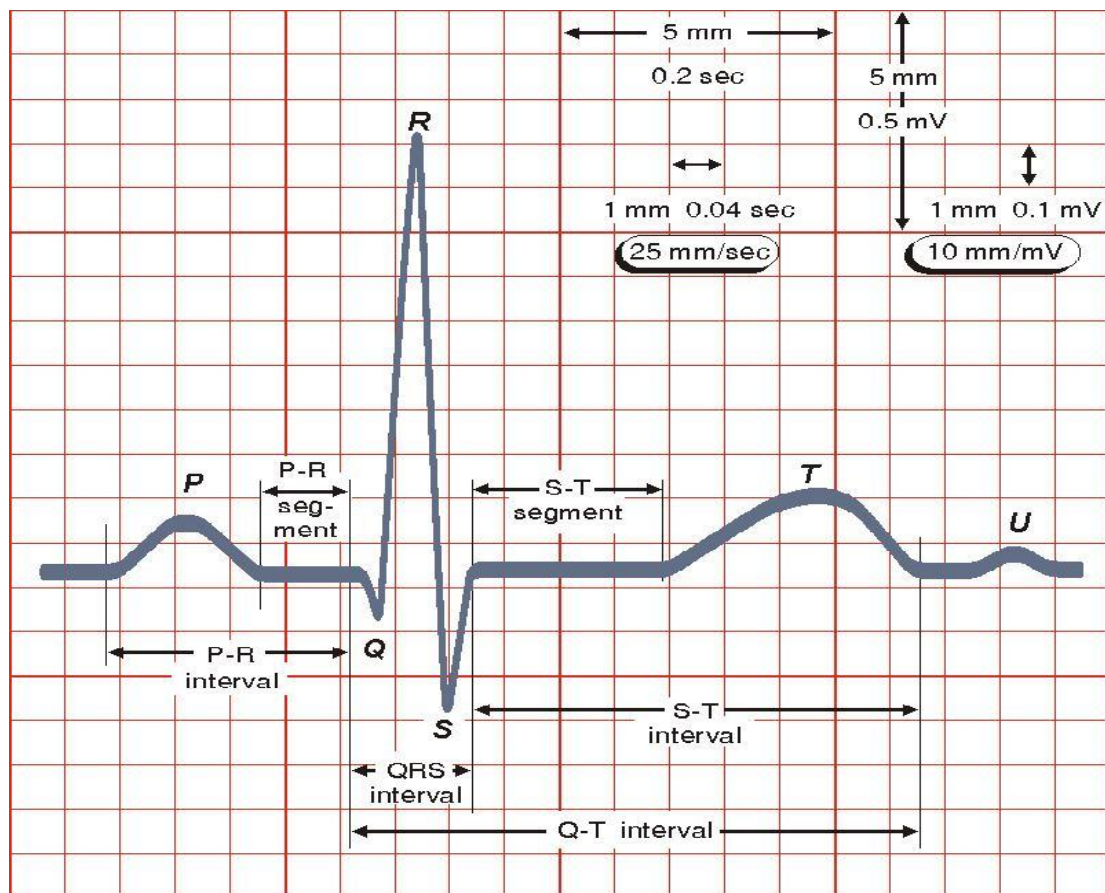
ELECTROCARDIOGRAM:

The electrocardiographic method is the most useful method for diagnosing ASTEMI subjects. It is a non invasive less expensive method. The twelve leads electrocardiogram can gives information to diagnose the problems and prognosis.

The myocardial tissue necrosis can cause depolarization changes in the QRS complex. It is differentiate the MI with ASTEMI from Non ST segment elevation MI. ST segment elevation more than one millimeter in 2 or more leads is classified as ASTEMI, an indication for thrombolytics treatment. Non STEMI ACS may present with ST segment depression or T wave inversion or transient ST segment elevation. The degree of ST segment depression had a prognostic value. Patient with more than 0.2mv had increased mortality.

ECG will inform us about other parameters like HR, duration of the QRS complex, conduction abnormalities, and presence or absence of a old infarction which play an important role in the treatment and prognosis of the STEMI patients. Following thrombolytic treatment the

electrocardiogram can inform us about the failure of thrombolytic treatment help us to select which STEMI patient should receive a rescue percutaneous intervention.



Picture: 9 Normal ECG

SPECIFIC ELECTROCARDIOGRAM:

The electrocardiogram gives us, information about the site of blockage of coronary vessels in patient with ASTEMI. Electrocardiographic leads are useful in localization of ischemia or site of infarction. [12]

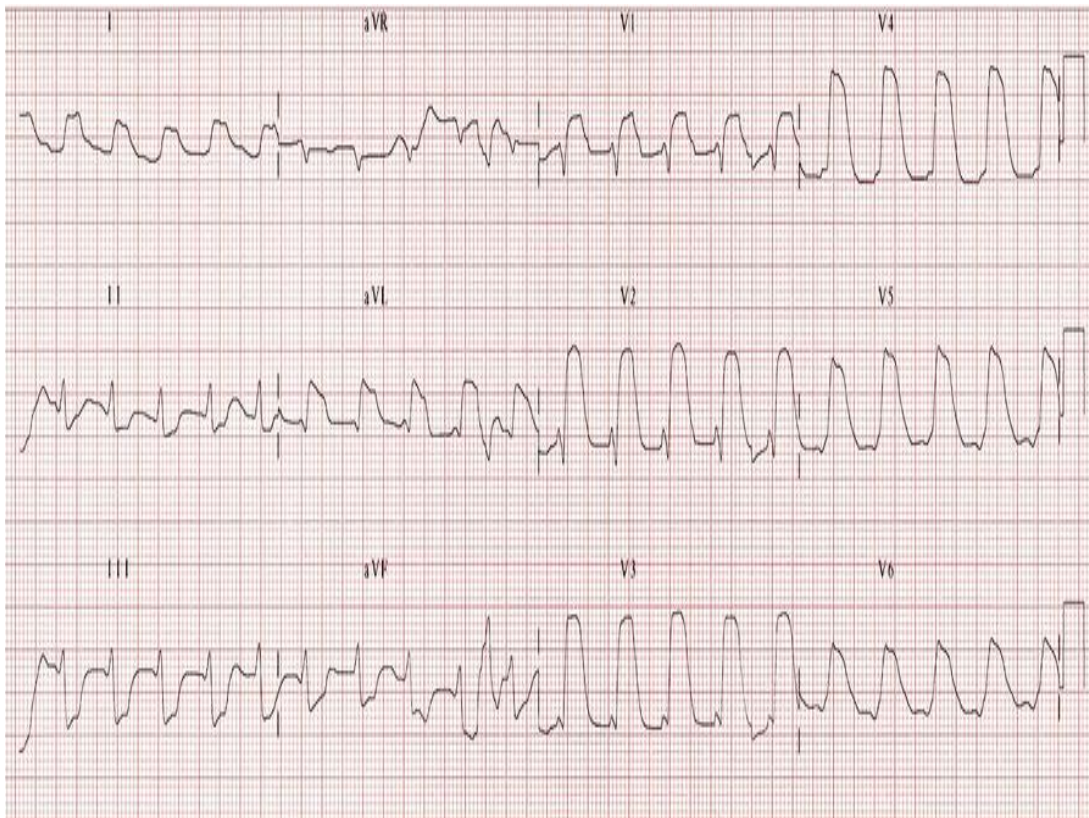
Anterior	• rS deflection in V_1 with Q waves in V_2 – V_4 or decrease in amplitude of initial R waves in V_1 – V_4
Anteriolateral	• Q waves in V_4 – V_6 , I, and aV_L
Anteroseptal	• QS deflections in V_1 , V_2 , V_3 , and possibly V_4
Inferior	• Q waves in II, III, and aV_F
Inferolateral	• Q waves in II, III, aV_F , and V_5 and V_6
Lateral	• Q waves in I and aV_L
RVMI	• Q waves in II, III, and aV_F and ST elevation in right-side V_4
True posterior	• Initial R waves in V_1 and V_2 >0.04 s and R/S ratio 1

Picture: 10 Types of ASTEMI

ANTERIOR WALL MI:

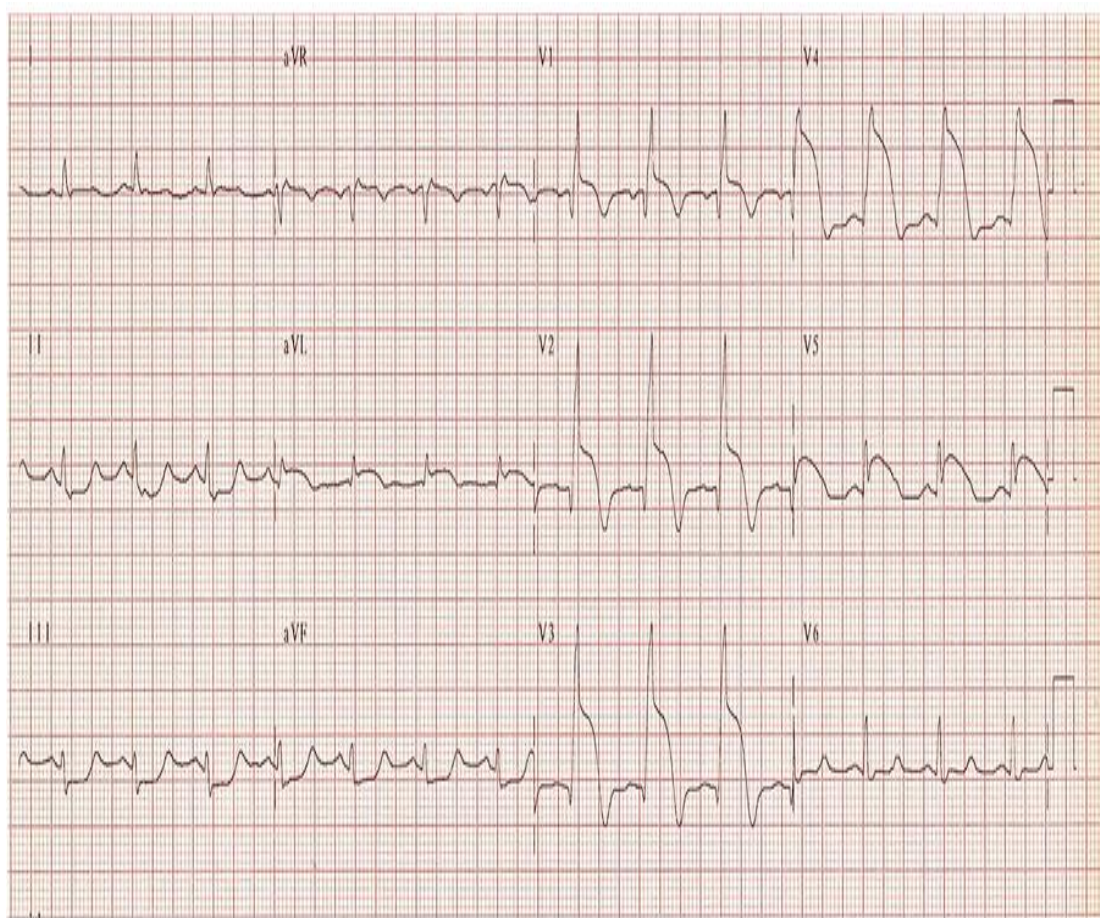
ST segment elevation is present in chest leads and depression lead III and avF has reciprocal ST segment depression. If this changes absent in lead avF indicates blockage of distal LAD vessel.

Anterior-ST segment elevation in chest leads from v2 to v5 is called as anterior wall MI, if there is ST segment elevation in chest leads from v1 to v4 is called as ASMI.



Picture: 11 AWMI –tomb stone pattern

Anterolateral MI means ST segment elevation in chest leads from v3 to v6 and lead I and aVL, v5 and v6. ST segment elevation especially in leads I and aVL and fewer changes in chest leads occur in the blockage of D1 branch of LAD, while ST segment elevation mainly in chest leads v1 and v2 with reciprocal depression in limb leads II,III,aVF,V5 and V6 occurs when main S1 of LAD is occluded.

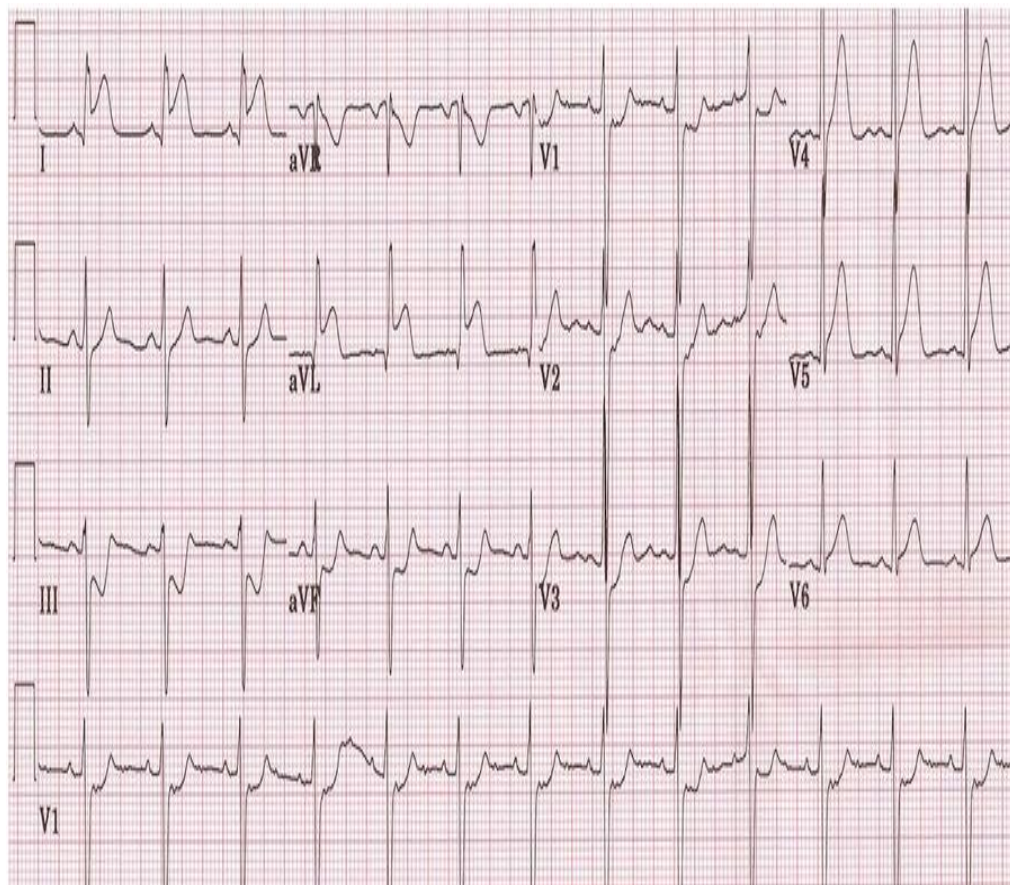


Picture: 12 ASMI

LATERAL MI OR APICAL MI:

ST segment elevation occurs in chest leads v5 and v6 with reciprocal depression in limb lead III and aVF and occasionally in chest lead v1.

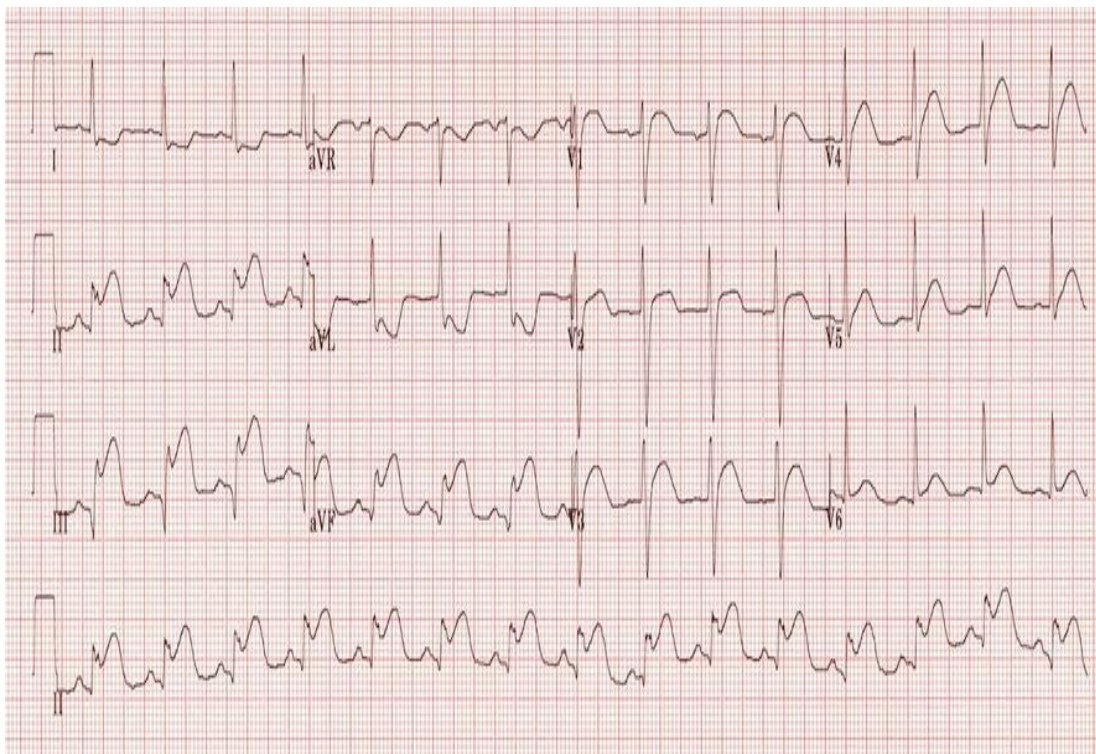
High lateral MI means ST elevation in lead I and aVL. Patient with high lateral MI is less common than other STEMI.



Picture: 13 High lateral ASTEMI

INFERIOR MI/RVMI:

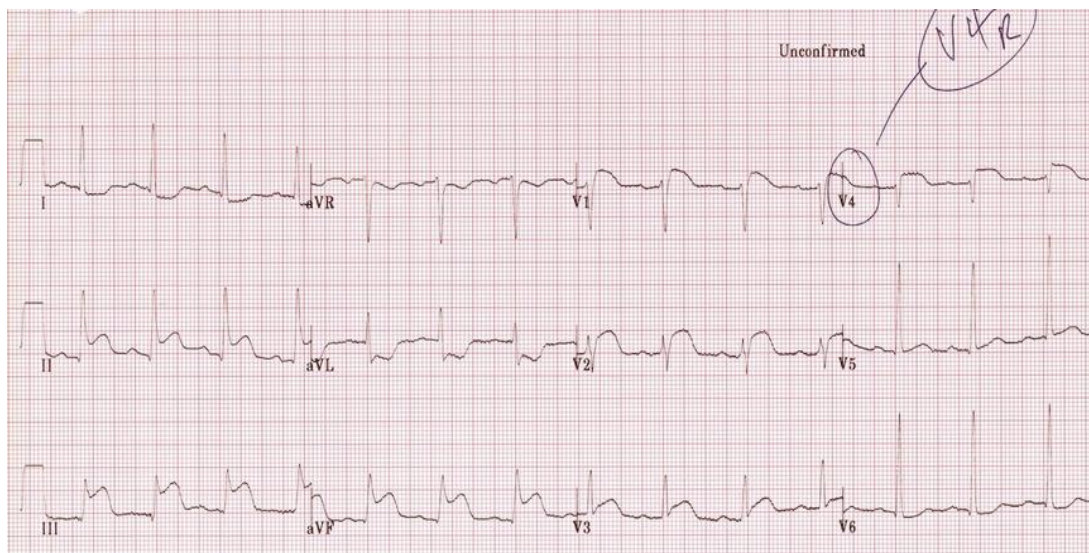
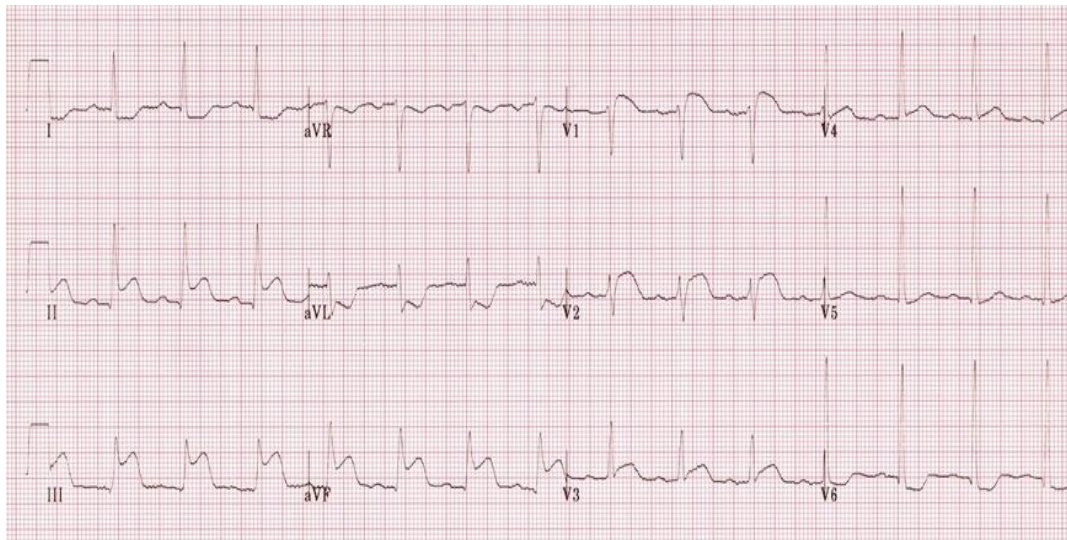
ST segment elevation occurs in limb leads II,III, and aVF with reciprocal ST segment depression present in limb leads I and aVL and one or more chest leads like v2-v3. This changes are absent in chest leads with ST segment elevation in v1, we should suspect RVMI. Presence of additional ST segment elevation in lateral chest leads v5, v6 or in leads I and aVL represents the blockage of LCX and it is called Inferolateral MI.



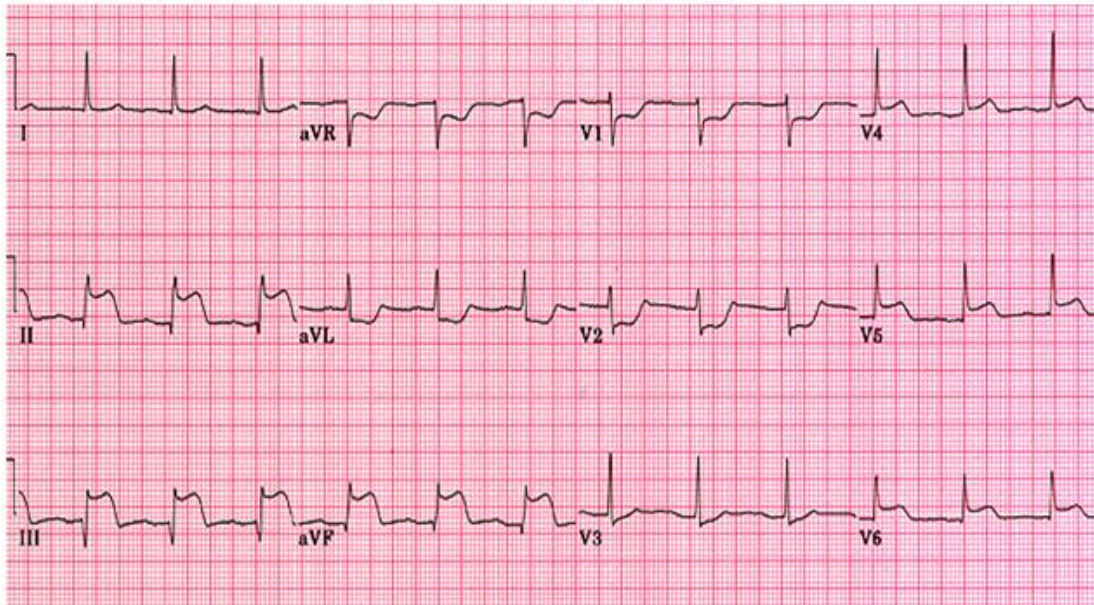
Picture: 14 IWMI

RVMI:

ST elevation in leads II, III and aVF and ST segment depression in reciprocal leads I, aVL and absence of ST depression in V2, v3. ST elevation present in right sided lead V4R.



Picture: 15 shows RVMI

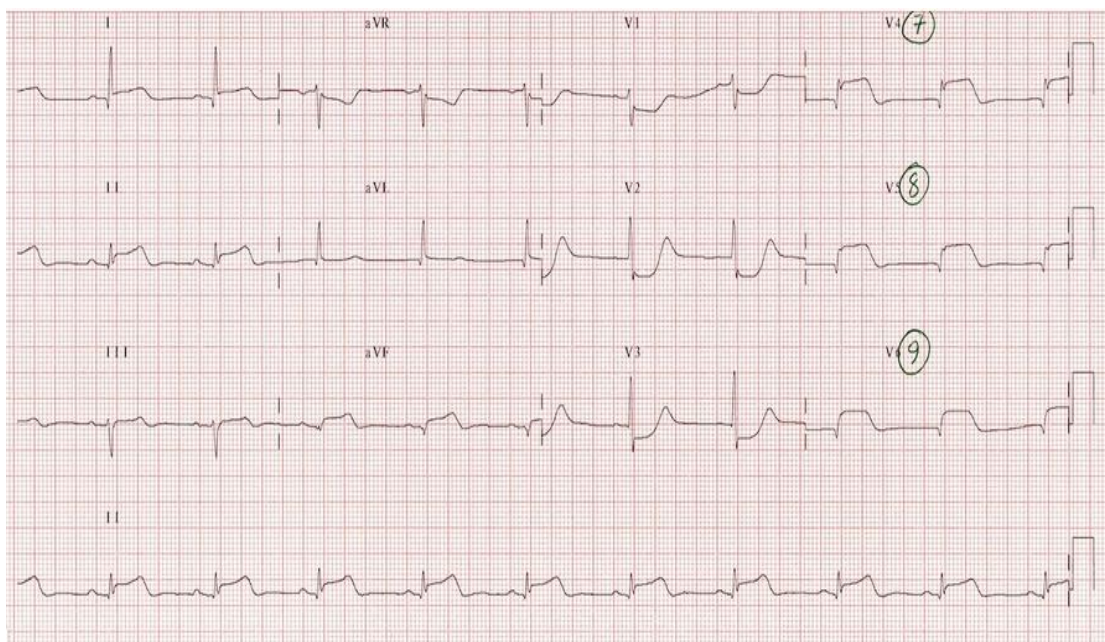
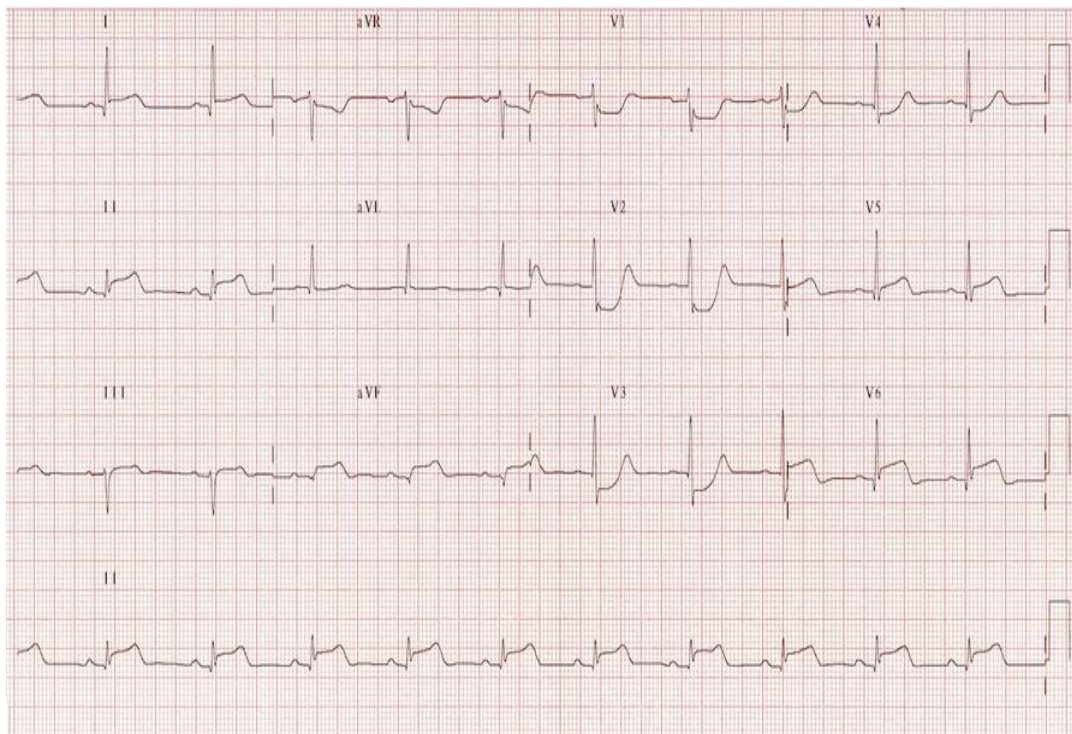


Picture: 16 Inferolateral ASTEMI

POSTERIOR MI:

Increase R wave amplitude in V1 and V2, ST segment depression with upright T waves

Q waves and ST segment elevation in posterior chest leads v7-v9, Posterior MI is always combined with IWMI.



Picture: 17 shows posterior ASTEMI

LVMI WITH PAPILLARY MUSCLES (PM) INVOLVEMENT:

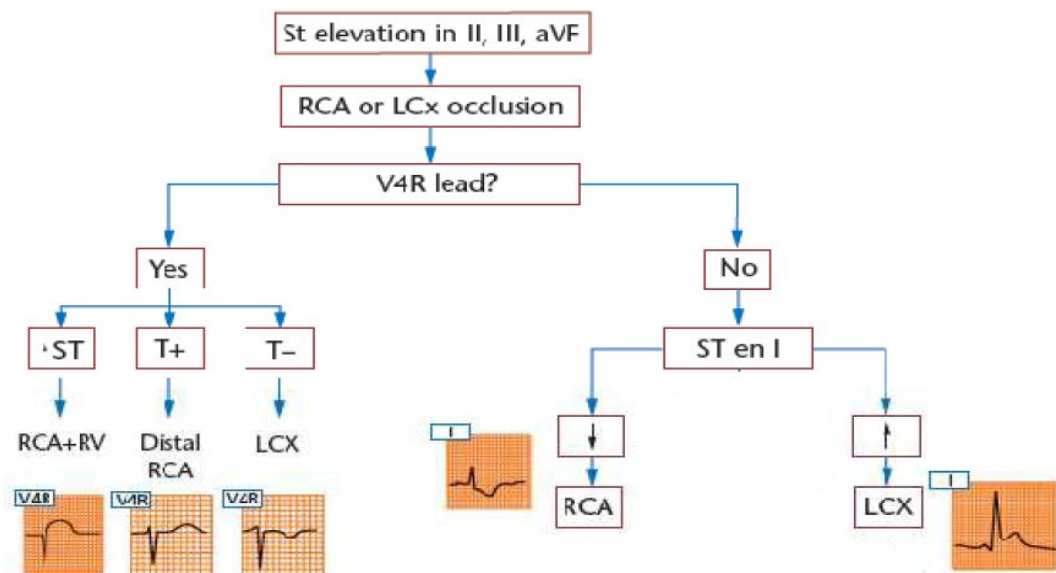
Along with ST segment-T changes in LV leads, ST segment depression in inferior leads are indicates anterolateral PM infarction, while ST segment depression in lead I or aVL is seen in posteromedial PM infarction.

DIAGNOSIS OF CULPRIT VESSEL:

The electrocardiogram gives information about the site of blockage of coronary vesseles in subjects with MI ischemia. Oc Right coronary vessel blockage causes inferior STEMI, posterior STEMI, inferoposterior STEMI, inferolateral STEMI, and RVMI. Blockage of Lcx vessel causes posterior STEMI and lateral STEMI. Blockage of dominant LCx artery is cause inferoposterior STEMI or posterolateral STEMI. [12]

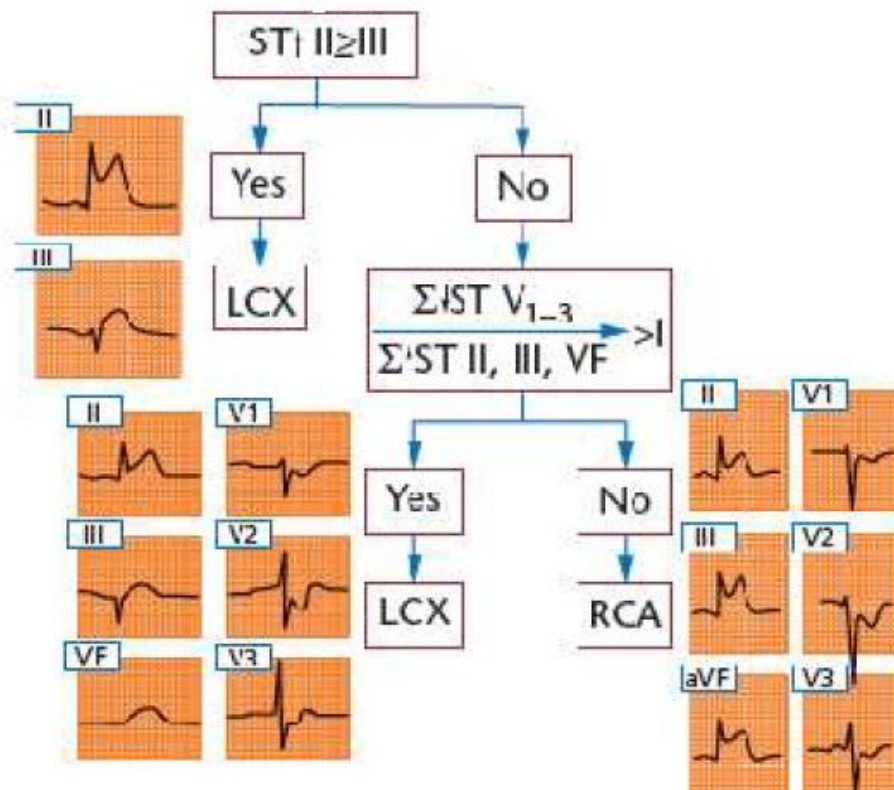
Blockage of LAD branch causes ASMI and AW MI. Involvement proximal LAD branch can cause bundle branch block and LAFB.

PREDICTING RCA OR LCX BLOCKAGE IN IW:



Picture: 18(a) culprit artery diagnosis in IWMI

ST segment elevation in lead III is more than lead II is represents RCA blockage and ST segment elevation in lead II is more than III represents LCX blockage. In inferior infarction, ST segment elevation in lead III is more than II, and combined with ST segment elevation in v1 is a powerful predictor of proximal right coronary vessel blockage.

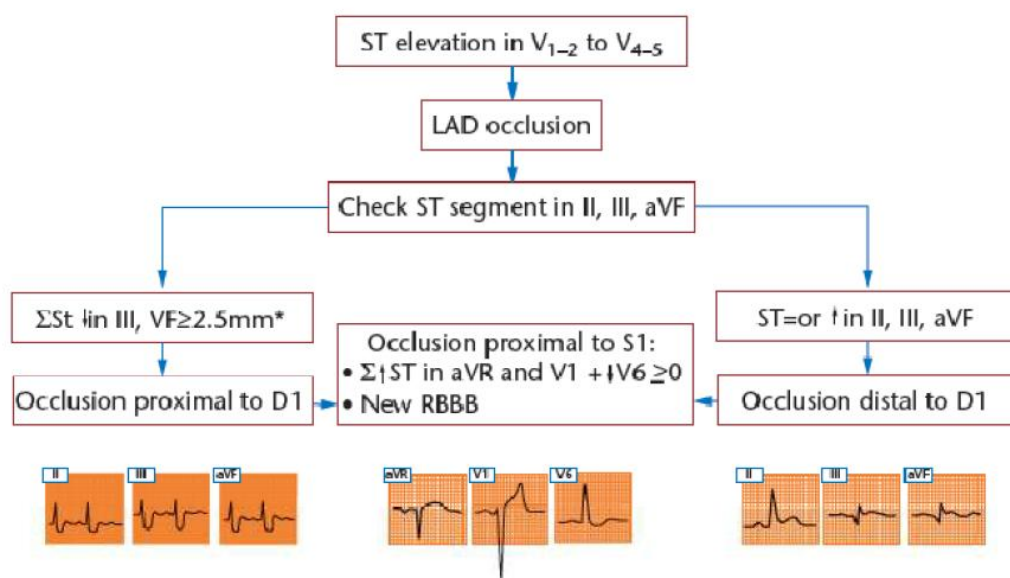


Picture: 18(b) culprit artery diagnosis in IWMI

Inferior MI with ST segment elevation in lateral chest leads v5 and v6 or in limb leads I and aVL represents LCX blockage. Inferior MI with ST segment depression in V1-V3 is more frequently associated with LCx vessel than right coronary vessel blockage. Inferior MI with reciprocal changes like ST segment depression in aVL predict LCX blockage, while reciprocal changes in chest leads from V4 to V6 predict the multi vessels disease.

PREDICTING LAD BLOCKAGE IN ANTERIOR MI:

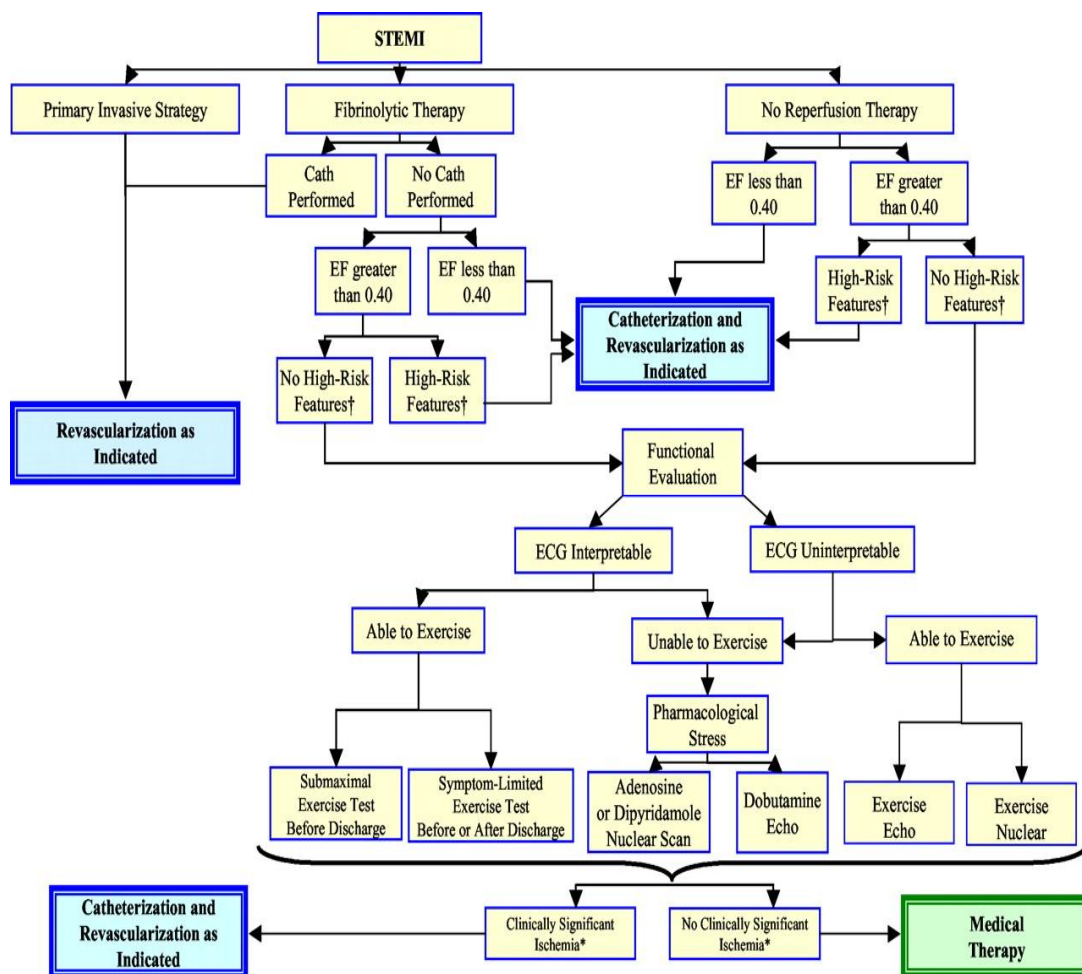
ST segment elevation in chest leads combined with ST segment depression more than or equal to 1mm predicts LAD proximal to branch S1 (serptal) or diagonal branch D1. ST segment elevation in V1 and aVR associated with complete RBBB and ST segment depression in V5 predicts blockage of LAD proximal to S1. Abnormal Q waves in aVL and ST segment elevation in I and aVL predicts blockage of proximal to D1. ST segment elevation in chest leads with presence of abnormal Q waves in from V4 to V6 represents LAD blockage distal to S1 or D1. ST segment depression in aVL combined with precordial ST segment elevation represents LAD blockage distal to D1 branch.



Picture: 19 culprit artery diagnosis in AWMi

STEMI MANAGEMENT:

Categorize the patients with STEMI for giving appropriate treatment depends upon the infrastructure and facilities of the treatment centre.



Picture: 20 flow chart shows STEMI management algorithm

KILLIPS CLASS:

CLASS	CLINICAL DESCRIPTION	MORTALITY RATE
1.Normal	No clinical evidence of LV failure	3-5%
2.slightly reduced	Mild to moderate LV failure	6-10%
3.Abnormal	Severe LV failure, pulmonary oedema	20-30%
4. severely Abnormal	Cardiogenic shock, tachycardia, hypoxia.	> 80%

Table shows STEMI presented with symptoms are classified

TIMI Risk Score for STEMI		<u>Risk Score</u>	<u>Odds of death by 30D*</u>
<u>Historical</u>		0	0.1 (0.1-0.2)
Age 65-74	2 points	1	0.3 (0.2-0.3)
≥ 75	3 points	2	0.4 (0.3-0.5)
DM/HTN or angina	1 point	3	0.7 (0.6-0.9)
<u>Exam</u>		4	1.2 (1.0-1.5)
SBP < 100	3 points	5	2.2 (1.9-2.6)
HR > 100	2 points	6	3.0 (2.5-3.6)
Killip II-IV	2 points	7	4.8 (3.8-6.1)
Weight < 67 kg	1 point	8	5.8 (4.2-7.8)
<u>Presentation</u>		>8	8.8 (6.3-12)
Anterior STE or LBBB	1 point		
Time to rx > 4 hrs	1 point		
Risk Score = Total	(0 -14)		

*referenced to average mortality
(95% confidence intervals)

Timi score used to assess the mortality in STEMI patients to assess the risk of mortality . [12]

Acute management of ACS without ST-segment elevation

Admit to CCU and monitor closely

High-flow O₂ by face mask

Analgesia: eg morphine 5–10mg IV + metoprolol 10mg IV

Nitrates: GTN spray or sublingual tablets as required

Aspirin: 300mg PO (unless contraindicated) *reduces risk of MI and death*

Oral β -blocker: eg metoprolol 50–100mg/8h or atenolol 50–100mg/24h

If β -blocker contraindicated (asthma, COPD, LVEF, bradycardia, coronary artery spasm), give rate-limiting calcium antagonist (eg verapamil¹ 80–120mg/8h PO, or diltiazem 60–120mg/8h PO)

Low molecular weight heparin: (eg enoxaparin 1mg/kg/12h or dalteparin 120U/kg/12h SC)

Alternatively: unfractionated heparin 5000U IV bolus then IVI
Check APTT 6-hourly. Alter IVI rate to maintain APTT at 1.5–2.5 times control

IV nitrate if pain continues

(eg GTN 50mg in 50mL 0.9% saline at 2–10mL/h)
titrate to pain, and maintain systolic BP >100mmHg

ANTIPLATELETS: ASPIRIN

162 to 325 mg of aspirin, it inhibits the platelet aggregation and block the production of TxA₂ and it causes prevention of vasoconstriction. It is contraindicated in active APD, bleeding diathesis and patient allergy to aspirin.

O₂ THERAPHY:

O₂ should be given at 2 to 4 L/min by nasal mask to maintain SaO₂ level more than 90%. We noted the signs of hypoxia such as confusion, altered sensorium, restlessness pallor, and cold skin. Should treated with high flow oxygen can reduce the ischemic pain symptoms.

NTG:

NTG causes vasodilatation mainly veins than arteries and it reduces the both preload and after load of the heart. Nitroglycerin is not given in patients SBP is less than 90 mmhg, heart rate (HR) less than 50 or more than 100 in the absence of HF. NTG should not be given along with phosphodiesterase inhibitor within 1-2days it aggravates hypotension. It can be given by oral, nasal, sublingual and IV infusion. [12]

MORPHINE:

Morphine sulfate is the opioid of choice for chest pain especially in ASTEMI patients who are not relieved by NTG. It may be given at starting dose of a 2-to-4-mg IV and it can be given repeat dose in every fifteen minutes until the patient feels better. It can cause both arterial and venodilator and decreases the preload and afterload in addition to analgesic properties in ASTEMI patients. It can cause depress the respiratory system and also reduction of BP. We monitored the BP, RR, and O2 saturation carefully.

COPIDOGREL:

Clopidogrel can be given an initial dose of 300mg or 600 mg then followed by 75mg every day. It is also given before PCI or stent is placed and continue this drug as 75mg OD daily for at least 12 months. It inhibits platelets clumping and can be given to ASTEMI patients with a patient known allergic to aspirin. It should not be given if bypass surgery is planned within the next 5 to 7 days. It increases a risk of more bleeding during operation.

STATINS:

It has pleomorphic activities. It should be given at loading dose atorvastatin 80mg followed by 40 mg once daily at night time. It lowers the cholesterol by inhibition of HMG-CoA reductase. It also reduces the inflammation and protect the cardiac myocytes.

BETA BLOCKERS:

It reduces the myocardial O₂ demand and decrease the ventricular strain. It also reduces mortality and prevent complications due ASTEMI. It decreases the workload of the heart in patients with dynamic obstruction of the LVOT. Initial dose should be given as 2 to 5 mg IV in every five minutes followed by 25 to 50 mg oral BD per day. [12]

Contraindications:

Systolic blood pressure less than 90 mm Hg

hypotension

Cardiogenic shock

Bradycardiachrythms

Heart block , II and III degree block

Asthma

PAD

CHF

GP IIB/IIIA INIBITORS:

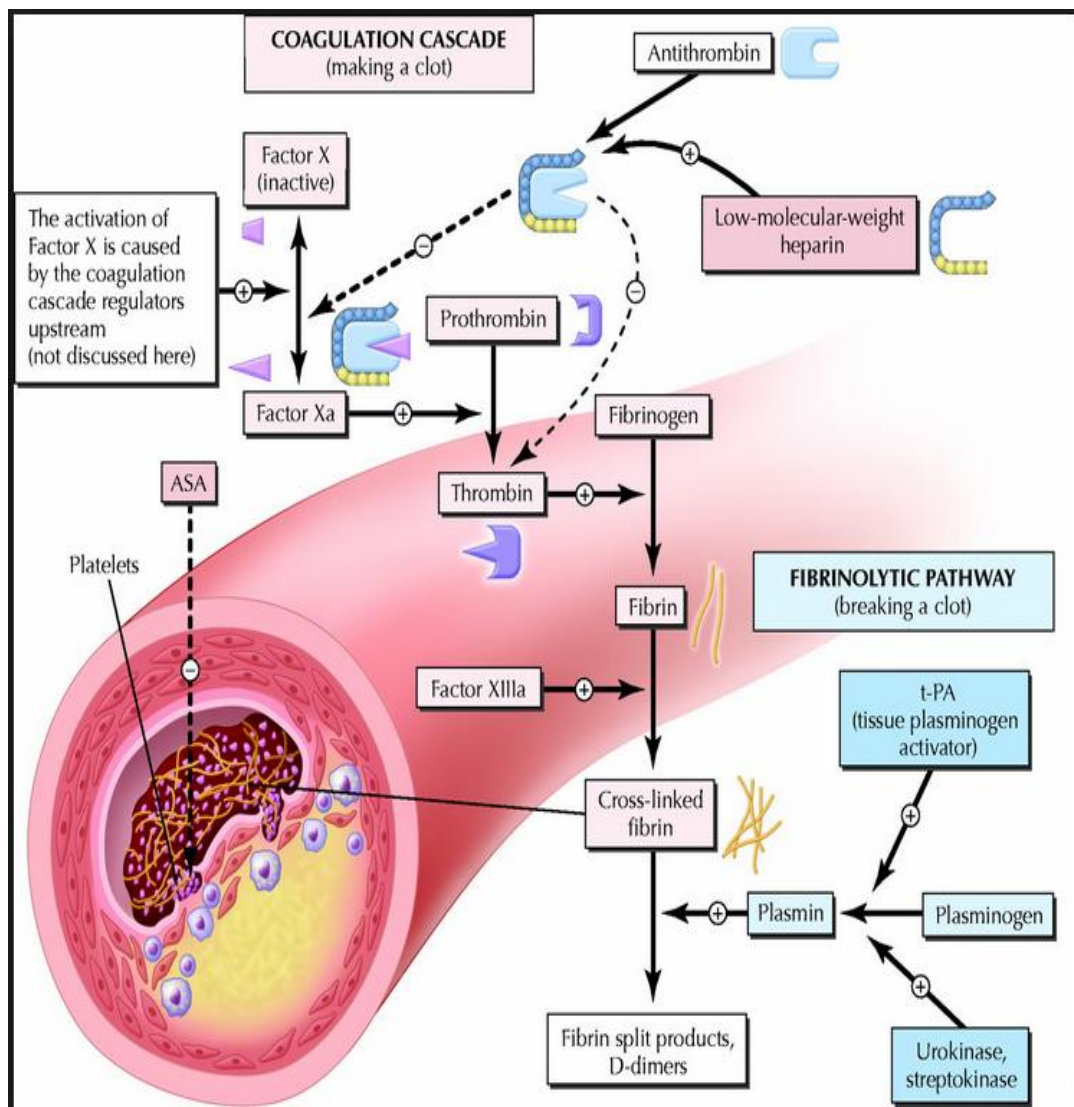
Many different GP IIB/IIIA antagonists are available. Abciximab is a chimeric antibody it binds irreversibly to the GP IIB/IIIA antagonists Eptifibatide is a synthetic heptapeptide that binds reversibly to the GP IIB/IIIA receptor. Tirofiban is a synthetic small molecule reversible binding to the GP IIB/IIIA. It should be given as an IV infusion .Reversal of platelet inhibition after cessation of infusion is more rapid with the polypeptide or small molecules.

SPIRANOLACTONE:

Arrange for an ECHO to be done within 24 hrs of admission. Patients with HF and the LV EF is less than or equal to 40%, consider an aldosterone antagonist such as spironolactone 25mg od should be given.^[12]

HEPARIN:

Heparin is a specific antithrombotic agent. Thrombin generation plays a main role in pathogenesis of coronary vessel thrombosis. Thrombin converts soluble fibrinogen to insoluble fibrin and activates coagulation factors V and VIII. It activates factor XIII which stabilizes clot formation by augmenting fibrin cross linking. It also plays as a platelet antagonist.



Picture: 21 - Drugs interfere with clot formation

UFH:

Unfractionated heparin has molecular weights varying between 2000 and 20,000. The different size molecules have different effect on the clotting system. Heparin complexes with antithrombin III and this complex inactivate factor thrombin and activated factor X. The heparin antithrombin III complex is not effective against clot-bound thrombin. It requires careful monitoring and dose adjustment .

The weight based regimen is given to patients with ASTEMI. The initial loading dose is 60 to 70Units per kilogram and maximum dose is 5000units, followed by an infusion of 12 to 15units per kilogram per hour and maximum dose is 1000units per hour for 24 to 48hrs and activated thromboplastin time should be maintained at 60-70seconds.

LMWH:

The low molecular weight heparin has greater bioavailability and lower protein binding. It has a longer half life .It achieve a more reliable anticoagulant effect. They can be given in a fixed dose subcutaneously once or twice a day. In patients whom CABG is planned, it should be withheld and shifted to UFH in the 12 to 24 hours before surgery. If patients less than 75years, initial dose should be given as 30 mg IV bolus followed by 1 mg per kg subcutaneous once a day not more than 100mg. Maintenance dose is 1 mg per kg subcutaneous q12hr. If age of the

patients more 75 years, initial dose should not be given, maintenance dose is 0.75mg per kg subcutaneous every 12 hours. It should be given along with aspirin. In conjunction with fibrinolytic therapy, enoxaparin should be given before 15 minutes and after 30 minutes of thrombolytic therapy. LMWH may be given duration of 8 days or until discharge. [12]

DIRECT THROMBIN INHIBITORS:

These agents are bind to the catalytic site of thrombin and bind to thrombin in clot and resistant to agents which degrade heparin. A peptide which is derived from medicinal leech called as Hirudin. It consist 65 aminoacid and is one of the most potent natural anticoagulant. Hirudin increased chance of intracranial bleeding compared to heparin.

Bivalirudin may reduce the short-term risk of postischemic complications relative to high-dose UFH in patients PCI for unstable or postinfarction angina, but benefits do appear to persist long term. Similarly, Inogatran does not appear to offer benefits over UFH for the treatment of patients with ACS. Thus, at this time, there is no clearly defined role for direct thrombin inhibitors in the medical management of ACS patients. [12]

REPERFUSION THERAPY:

Fibrinolytics therapy and PCI are used in reperfusion therapy in patients diagnosed with ASTEMI. The aim of fibrinolytics therapy or PCI is to restore blood flow to the ischemic myocardium and prevent further complications of acute coronary syndrome .

FIBRINOLYTICS THERAPY:

Fibrinolytics are dissolving existing thrombi by converting plasminogen to plasmin and degrading fibrin clots. The most commonly used in thrombolysis are streptokinase, alteplase (recombinant tissue-type plasminogen activator [rt-PA]; reteplase, and tenecteplase. [12]

Fibrinolytic therapy is most effective when given within 3 hours after symptoms onset, although benefits have been seen when these drugs were given up to 12 hours. Ideally it should be initiated within 30 minutes of ASTEMI.

CONTRA INDICATIONS FOR THROMBOLYTIC THERAPY

Absolute Contraindications :

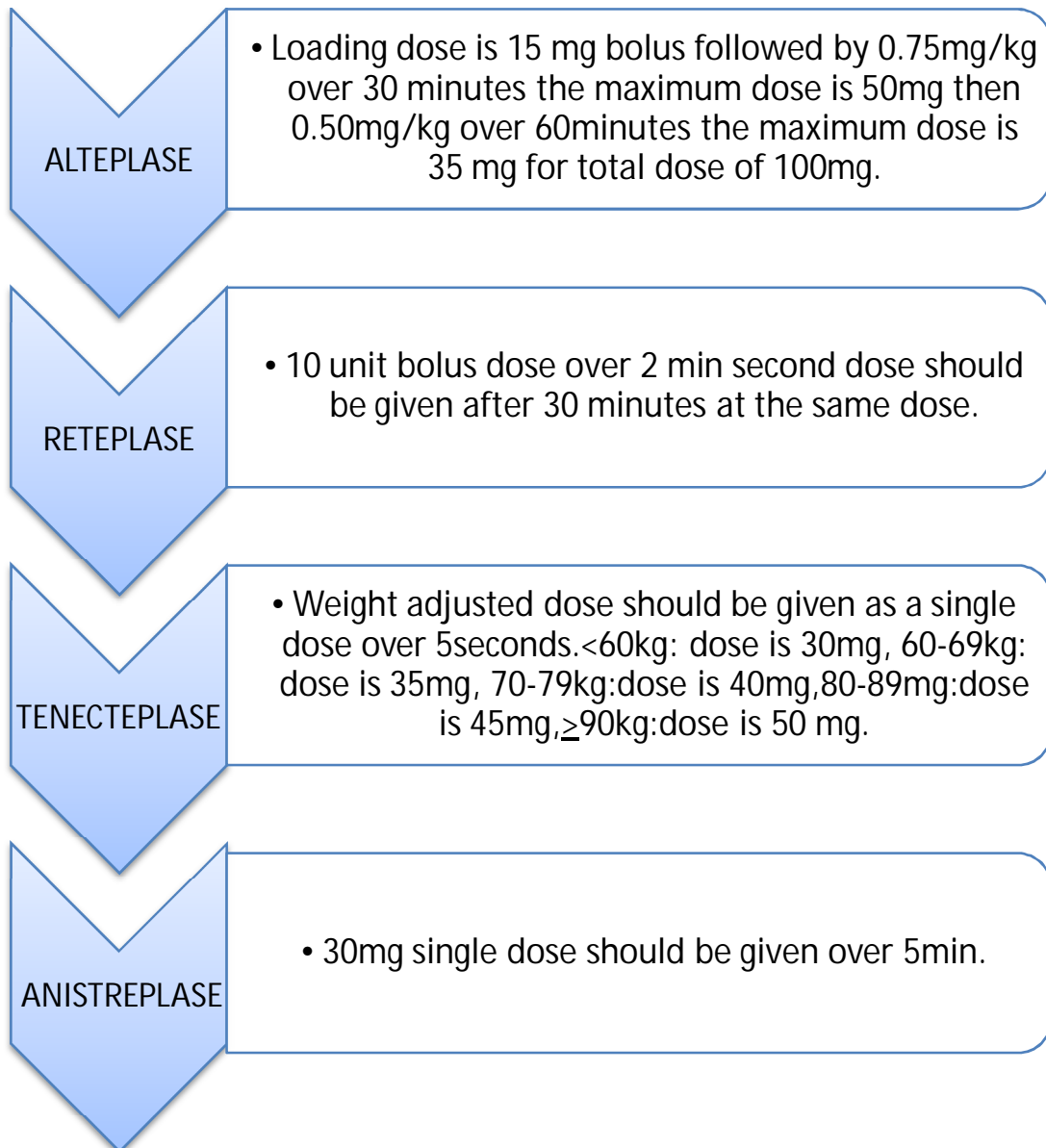
- History of hemorrhagic stroke at any time
- Ischemic stroke within 3 months
- Intracranial neoplasm
- Active internal bleeding excluding menses
- Aortic dissection

Relative contra indications :

- Blood pressure $> 180 / 110$ or $< 90 / 60$
- h/o chronic hypertension
- Bleeding diathesis
- Prolonged CPR / 10 min
- Recent trauma within 2 weeks
- Pregnancy
- Active peptic ulcer disease
- h/o prior streptokinase within 5 days to 2 years
- Major surgery less than 3 weeks
- Recent internal bleeding within 2 to 4 weeks.

STREPTOKINASE:

This agent is derived from hemolytic streptococci. Antibodies may produce after administration, so retreatment is usually avoided. It may allergic to patients can be seen in approximately in 5 % treated for the first time with a recent streptococcal infection. Allergic reactions respond to antihistamine. Less than 0.2 % of patients have a serious anaphylaxis. While on IV administration of streptokinase approximately 15% of patients will have hypotension, which usually responds to decreasing the rate of IV infusion and expansion of volume. It can produces a fibrinolytic state for up to 24 h. Streptokinase is less costly than other fibrinolytic agents.

OTHER FIBRINOLYTICS:

PERCUTANEOUS INTERVENTION:

Urgent percutaneous intervention is done in patients with ASTEMI when available in a timely manner. The door to balloon time is more than 90 min by an skilled operator. Indications for urgent percutaneous intervention are patients with shock, arrhythmias with patient requiring pacing methods or cardioversion, and elderly patient (age >75). [12]

PROCEDURE:

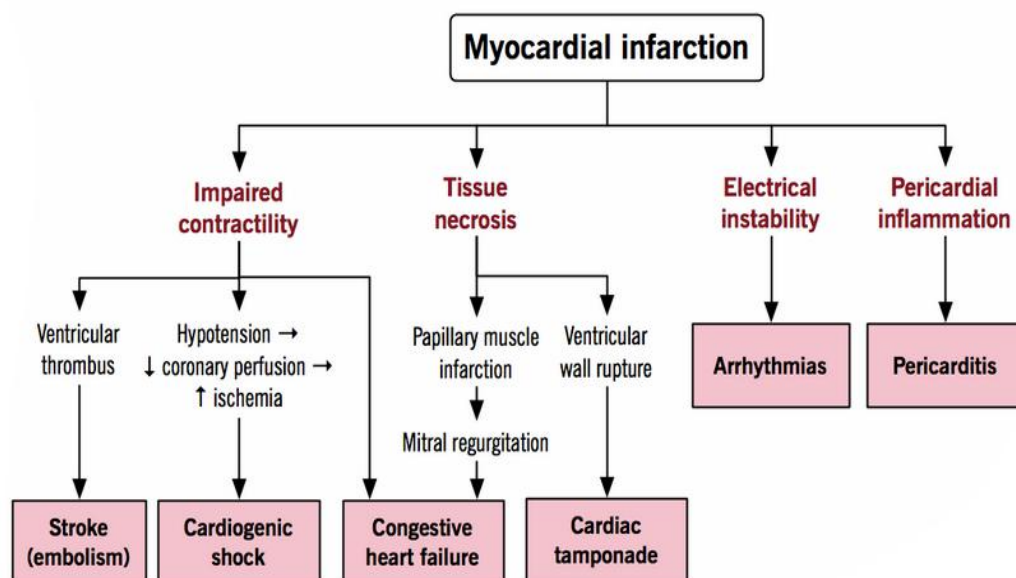
Percutaneous intervention is the invasive procedures done by skilled operator. A catheter is passed through the femoral vessel then into the blocked coronary vessel in order to open blockages and restoration of the blood flow to the myocardium. PTCA means (Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty) is the insertion of a catheter with a balloon attached with tip that is inflated to open the coronary vessel. A device known as a coronary stent made by a metal mesh can also be inserted in to the coronary vessel after angioplasty to keep the vessel open. Drug-eluting stents are used and they are coated with certain medications like sirolimus that prevent restenosis of the coronary vessel by reducing inflammation and thrombin formation. Coronary blockages can also be removed by a procedure known as an atherectomy. Once the coronary vessel is opened with PTCA and brachytherapy can be done by the radiation is delivered to the lesion. It helps to prevent narrowing or reblockage of vessel.

COMPLICATIONS:

Complications of percutaneous intervention are include hematoma from the arterial insertion site, decrease peripheral perfusion, arrhythmias and coronary spasm leads to MI bleeding in the retroperitoneal area, arrhythmias, coronary vessel spasm leads to MI, ARF, ischemic CVA and cardiac arrest. [12]

Sudden deterioration of previously stable patients should always think the "mechanical" complications of acute MI. As a group, these complications usually involve the tearing or rupture of affected tissue. These complications are less common in NSTEMI and USA.

Complications of myocardial infarction



FREE WALL RUPTURE:

It occurs in 10 % of AMI mortality, usually 1 to 5 days after ASTEMI. The LV free wall rupture usually leads to tamponade and death in more than 90% of cases. Patients may feel sudden onset of severe tearing chest pain. They will be in shock and tachycardicrhythm and may have onset of altered sensorium and restlessness. Increased JVP, diminished heart sounds, and pulsusparadoxus may be present. They are diagnosed by ECHO.

INTERVENTRICULAR SEPTAL RUPTURE:

Rupture of the IVS is more commonly detected clinically than rupture of the LV free wall, despite the fact that rupture of the LV free wall is more often detected in autopsy findings. The size of the defect and the degree of the shunt left to right can be related with prognosis of the ASTEMI. Clinically, IVS rupture presented with chest pain, breathlessness, and sudden hearing of pan systolic murmur. This can be associated with thrill felt in left lower sterna border. This is diagnosed by doppler study of echocardiography. An O2 step-up of more than 10 % from RA to RV samples is diagnostic. Rupture of the IVS is more common in patients with anterior wall MI and patients with extensive (3-vessel) disease. [12]

PAPILLARY MUSCLE RUPTURE:

Papillary muscle rupture occurs in approximately 1 percent of patients with AMI, is more common with inferior MI, and usually occurs 3 to 5 days after AMI. In contrast to rupture of the IVS, papillary muscle rupture often occurs with a small to medium sized acute MI. Patients may have relatively limited CAD. Patients present with acute onset of breathlessness, increasing degree of CHF, and a new pan systolic murmur consistent with mitral regurgitation. The posteromedial papillary muscle is most commonly ruptured, because it gets blood supply from one coronary vessel, usually the right coronary vessel. Echocardiography can differentiate rupture of a portion of the papillary muscle from other causes leads to MR. Immediate surgical intervention is the treatment of choice for this acute MR.

PERICARDITIS:

In ASTEMI 10 to 20 % of patients will get pericardial inflammation. It is mainly occurs in transmural infarction. It usually occurs within two to four days after AMI. It is clinically diagnosed by hearing pericardial friction rubs. This is mostly seen in RV infarction or inferior wall MI, because the RV lies immediately beneath the chest wall. Sometimes, the pain of pericarditis can be confused with that of post infarction angina. Specific nature of the pain is increased while on deep inspiration and relieved by sitting and leaning forward. Pericardial

effusions are associated with pericarditis, it also occurs in the absence of pericarditis. The resorption rate of post MI pericardial effusions is very slow, usually taking many months. Post MI syndrome or “dressler syndrome” occurs 2 to 10 weeks after ASTEMI and patient presented with high fever, left chest pain and pleuropericarditis. [12]

RV MI:

Isolated RV infarction is very rare, and it is usually seen as a complication of an IWMI. The RV most commonly receives its blood supply from the right coronary vessel. In patients with left dominant systems, the blood supply may come from the Lcx. The anterior portion of the RV is supplied by branches of the left anterior diagonal vessel. Approximately 30% of IWMI involve the RV. The presence of RV infarction is associated with a significant increase in mortality and cardiovascular complications. RV infarction can be diagnosed by the presence of ST-segment elevation in the precordial V_{4R} lead in the setting of an IWMI. The presence of increased JVP or decreased BP in response to NTG is also suggestive.

The most serious complication of RV infarction is shock. The severity of the hemodynamic derangement in the setting of RV infarction is related to the extent of RV dysfunction, the interaction between the ventricles (the RV and LV share the IVS), and the interaction between the pericardium and the RV. RV infarction results in a reduction in RV end-

systolic pressure, LV end-diastolic size, cardiac output, and aortic pressure as the RV becomes more of a passive conduit to blood flow. LV contraction causes bulging of the IVS into the RV, with resultant ejection of blood into the pulmonary circulation. As a result, RV infarction with concurrent LV infarction has a particularly devastating effect on hemodynamic function. Fluid balance and maintenance of adequate preload are critical in the treatment of RV infarction.

OTHER COMPLICATIONS:

Other complications of ASTEMI that occur but are not usually seen in the emergency department include LV thrombus formation, thrombosis of venous and arterial system, PE postinfarction angina, and infarct extension. [12]

CARDIAC BIOMARKERS:

Initially, WHO had ascribed equal weight to ECG and cardiac biomarkers for diagnosis of acute MI. However, increasing precision of CK-MB using assays and increasing value of cardiac troponin assays has now established the use of cardiac biomarkers as main marker of myocardial necrosis. Other biomarkers are SGOT and LDH.

Serum cardiac biomarkers of acute ASTEMI are proteins or macro molecules released from the cardiac cells (myocytes) undergoing necrosis. 10–14 Markers vary in terms of their molecular weight, cellular

location, solubility, plasma concentration, clearance, and ability to be detected accurately in serum with rapid immunochemical techniques. In general, serial measurements are more sensitive and accurate than initial single measurements, and serial sampling every 2 to 3 hours is a validated practice for the rapid exclusion of AMI in acute chest pain patients.

Cardiac biomarkers can be currently described under the following head:

- Established cardiac biomarkers
- Emerging biomarkers
- Developing biomarkers

ESTABLISHED BIOMARKERS:

MYOGLOBIN:

Myoglobin leaks from necrotic myocardial tissue far more rapidly than AST, CK and LDH. Early rise and high sensitivity are two properties that have led to the adoption of myoglobin as part of multimarker strategies. There is also a greater availability of assays for myoglobin. However, in view of its very poor specificity, myoglobin appears to be less acceptable than delayed troponin testing. Rapid release kinetics also make myoglobin useful for non invasive monitoring of reperfusion in patients with ASTEMI.

TROPONIN I and T:

Troponin is at present the preferred biomarker for diagnosis of AMI. Since it has a higher sensitivity for detecting myocardial injury than CK-MB and it also provides useful information about prognosis. Blood samples for measurement of troponin should be drawn on first assessment and six to nine hours later. Troponin is started to rise two to four hours of acute MI and remains elevated up to seven days to fourteen days. Normal level is less than 0.4ng per ml. Although troponin T and troponin I assays usually provide equivalent clinical information, standardization is a problem with troponin I since large number of commercially available assays are available. Each assay has its specific analytical characteristics and it is important that clinicians should be conversant with the s of the particular assay for correct interpretation. Most of the current assays use a cut-off in clinical practice in the range of 0.03 to 0.08.

CREATINE KINASE-MB

Creatine kinase-MB(CK-MB) is a cytosolic carrier protein for high energy phosphates and for a long time, it has been the gold standard for AMI diagnosis. Its elevation occurs four to eight hours, after MI and peaking occurs at eighteen to twenty four hours. The sensitivity of CK-MB for ASTEMI is only 50% when measured early at the time of presentation. Its sensitivity and specificity can be increased by serial testing. Serial testing of CK-MB also enables the physician to detect early

recurrent infarction. Myocardial damage is likely if the False positive results can be seen in musculoskeletal injury, post operative conditions, RF and peripartum period.

Electrophoretic methods were used to detect isoenzymes originally; Peak level of markers of necrosis and area under time-release curve of CK-MB from repetitive serial sampling has been used to estimate infarct size. After the introduction of cardiac troponin assays in clinical practice, CK-MB has had a progressive diminution in its role in diagnosis and prognostication of ACS

EMERGING BIOMARKERS:

- BNP and N-terminal pro BNP
- C-reactive protein

DEVELOPING BIOMARKERS:

- Low sensitivity in the first 4-6 hours after onset of chest pain
 - Poor markers of ischemia in absence of myocardial necrosis
 - Affected by inflammation or injury to other body systems
1. Myeloperoxidase
 2. Soluble CD40 ligand
 3. Matrix metalloproteinase-9
 4. Fatty acid binding proteins

5. Ischemia modified albumin
6. Free fatty acid unbound to albumin
7. Placental growth factor
8. PAPA-pregnancy-associated plasma protein A

ECHO

Echocardiography is the most useful and easily available modality to diagnose ASTEMI. MI results in regional LV (LV) wall motion abnormality (RWMA) and it present before the symptoms and electrocardiogram abnormalities in onset. If RWMA is not present during an episode of chest pain, diagnosis of ASTEMI is unlikely and hence it is recommended as a diagnostic modality in patients with non diagnostic electrocardiogram, especially during pain or shortly after it ceases. Another common problem is distinguishing RWMA due ischemic changes from old infarction. Echocardiography also excludes other causes of chest pain like cardiac tamponade, aortic dissection and PE. Newer advancements like strain imaging by tissue Doppler technique hold the potential to detect wall motion abnormalities earlier than currently used 2D imaging. Assessment of systolic-diastolic LV function by echocardiography is a strong-determinant of prognosis. [12]

ERYTHROCYTE SEDIMENTATION RATE:

The erythrocyte sedimentation rate is done by Westergren method or Wintrobe's method. It is the commonest test and it is used for measuring the inflammation rate at which Erythrocyte sedimentation rate is done in an hour.

Edmund Biernacki invented this test in 1897 and this test called as Biernacki reaction. The Swedish pathologists Robert Sanno Fahraeus invented this test in 1918 along with Alf Vilhelm Albertsson Westergren, declared his method and is referred as Westergren method which contains sodium citrate-coagulated specimens. [14]

When an inflammation occurs, that leads to increase fibrinogen level in the serum that causes RBCs to stick to each other. The erythrocytes form stacks called rouleaux formation, which settle faster. [2]

NORMAL VALUE: ESR

Sex	Male	Female
50 yrs. old or less	15mm/h	20mm/hr
Over 50 yrs old	20mm/hr	30mm/hr

$$\text{Normal ESR}_{(\text{mm/hr})} = \frac{\text{Age (in years)}}{2} + 5 \text{ (if female)}$$

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EA AND ADHESIVENESSTEST (EAAT):

EA/ adhesiveness test (EAAT) is a simple bedside slide test. It is a very feasible, cost effective, fast method of directly visualizing the EA status. It is a useful biomarker to detect internal inflammation in individuals with atherothrombotic risk factors. [9]

1. The test has the potential to assess the risk of acute MI
2. It can be used to assess the prognosis in patient with

ASTEMI.

Methodology



METHODOLOGY

MATERIALS AND METHODS:

Study design: Cohort study design

Place of study: Government Royapettah Hospital,

Collaborating Department:

Department of Cardiology, Government Royapettah Hospital,
Kilpauk Medical College.

Period of study: May 2014 to Sep 2014

Sample size: 50

Study population (subjects): Patients admitted in ICCU with ASTEMI at GRH during study period.

Inclusion criteria:

1. Patients admitted in ICCU with acute ASTEMI
2. Left side chest pain more than thirty minutes, within six hours of onset
3. ST segment elevation more than one millimeter in 2 leads in ECG

Exclusion criteria:

1. Recent MI,
2. Sepsis,
3. Infections-any bacterial infection
4. Neoplasms
5. Liver failure,ESRD
6. DVT,
7. Patient on antiplatelet drugs statins

ASTEMI patients of all age groups satisfy the inclusion criteria and admitted to the ICCU of Government Royapettah Hospital, Kilpauk medical college were included in the study. Informed consent was taken from the patients. Past history of the patient was asked and routine examination like both general and systemic examination was done. Complete history was asked including RF of the coronary vessel diseases were recorded. Blood was drawn from antecubital vein at the time of admission. The ASTEMI subjects were treated by the standard treatment guidelines of our hospital. The blood samples were and drawn from the subjects and immediately sent to the laboratory and ESR (erythrocyte sedimentation rate) by Westergren's method and slide test (EAAT) were performed along with

other investigations.

1. Fifty subjects of acute ASTEMI admitted to the Department of Cardiology, Government Royapettah hospital, onset within six hours, chest pain duration is more than 30 min, and two or more contiguous leads with ST segment elevation .
2. Informed consent was taken from the subjects patients with ASTEMI
3. History was asked from the patients, and routine general examination and syASTEMIc examination were done. Risk factors of the CAD were also recorded.
4. Anticoagulated blood was instilled over the simple slide and blood smears were stained by leishman stain and observed under 400X oil immersion field and graded into four

SLIDE PREPARATION:

One drop of citrated anticoagulant mixed with three drops of blood and poured over the glass slide. This citrated anticoagulant blood was poured on a slide and positioned the slide at 45 degree. Wait for 10 seconds for blood ran from above downwards and make a thin smear. The lowest part of the slide was wiped by absorbent

tissue paper. The slides were kept at room temperature and dried by room temperature itself.

The size of blood drop and the angle of slides were constant in all subjects with ASTEMI. Staining was done by 5 to 6 drops of Leishman stain and wait for two minutes. Distilled water gently instilled over the slide double the amount of leishman stain and wait for eight minutes. Finally, washed under the tap water and dried in room temperature. Oil immersion field was used for the assess the grades of EA

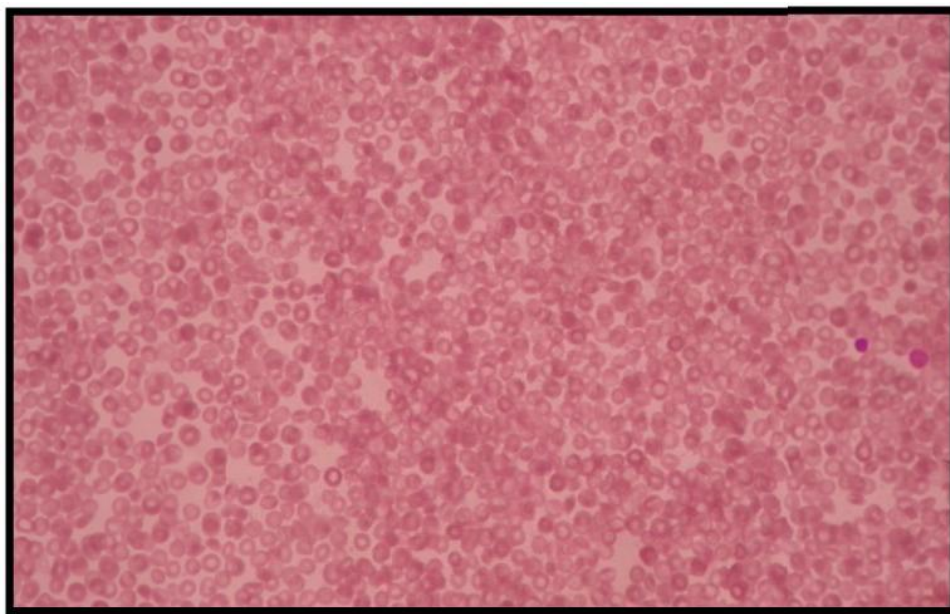
ANALYSIS OF THE SLIDES

The slides were observed under oil immersion fields in microscope with forty× (four hundred×) magnification. The slides were fully examined and assigned grades of red cell aggregation in to mild (A), moderate (B), Severe (C) and very severe (D) by the investigator.

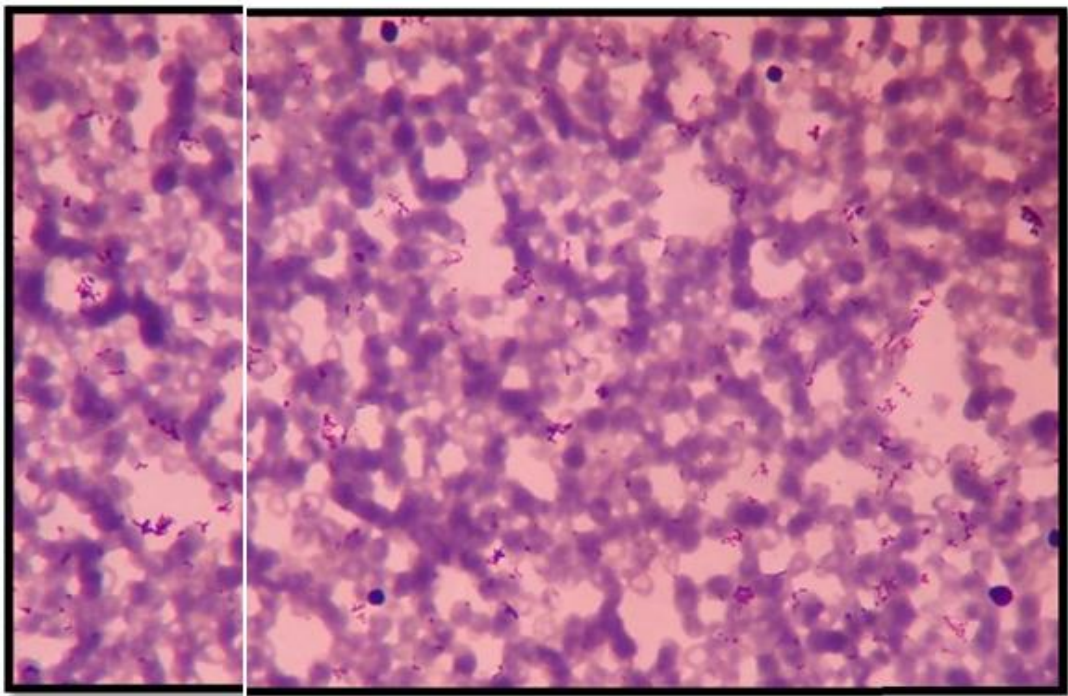
CRITERIA FOR GRADING RED AGGREGATION

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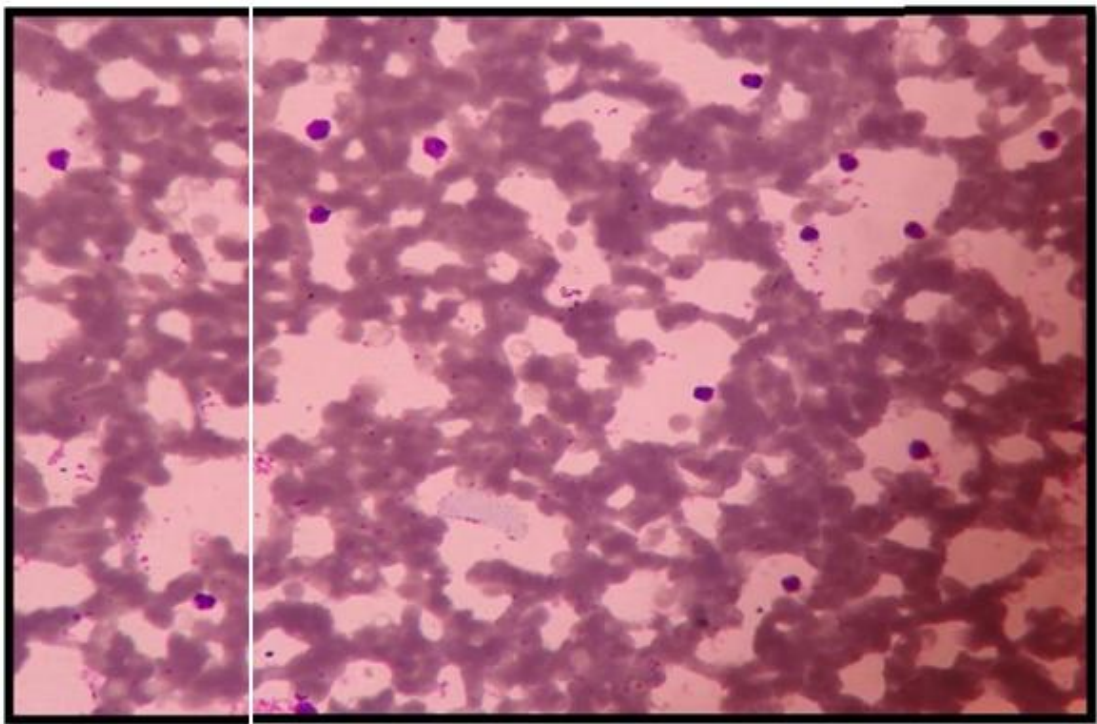
A: RBCs are discrete with uniform distribution throughout with no clear areas in between. Picture



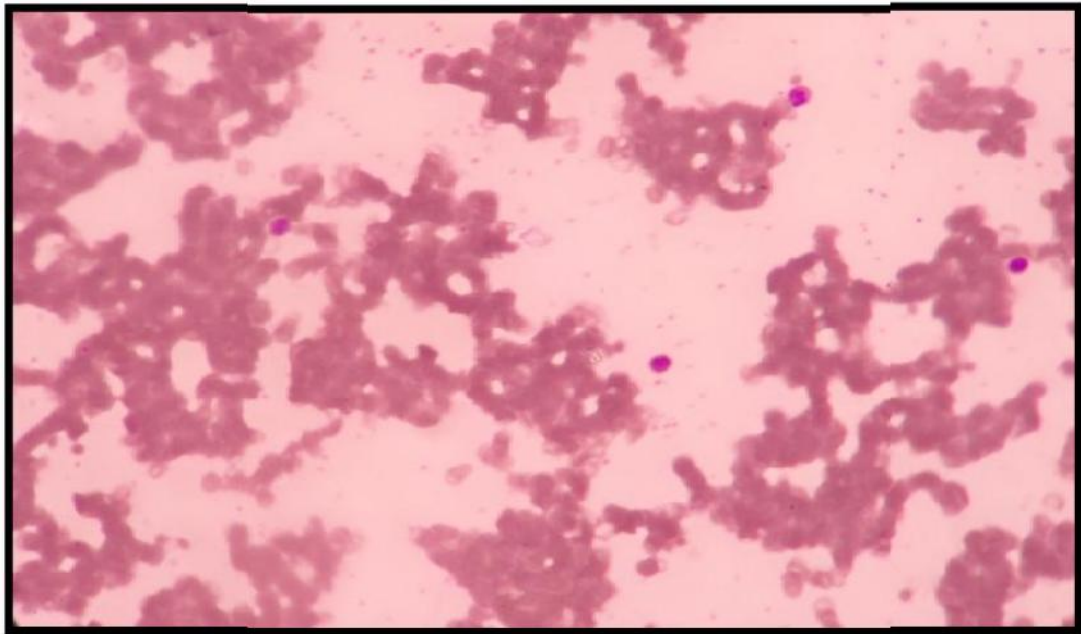
Grade B: RBCs are aggregated in some areas of the slide with areas of small clear spaces. picture 11



Grade C: Variablesizesoferythrocytes aggregatesinalltheareas
ofslidewithsmall clear spaces. Picture



Grade D: Large thick RBC aggregates with rounded/clear borders and large clear spaces. Picture



The grades of red cell aggregation were observed by standard criteria. The grades of EA are compared with prognosis of the ASTEMI patients with one week follow up.

PROGNOSIS:

Good prognosis was documented in patients with complete recovery.

Bad prognosis was documented in patients

- Recurrent chest pain or Angina
- Re- infarction
- LV failure
- Cardiogenic shock
- Cardiac arrhythmias, VT, VF, AF
- Mortality from cardiac causes
- Mortality from non cardiac causes

Observation & Results

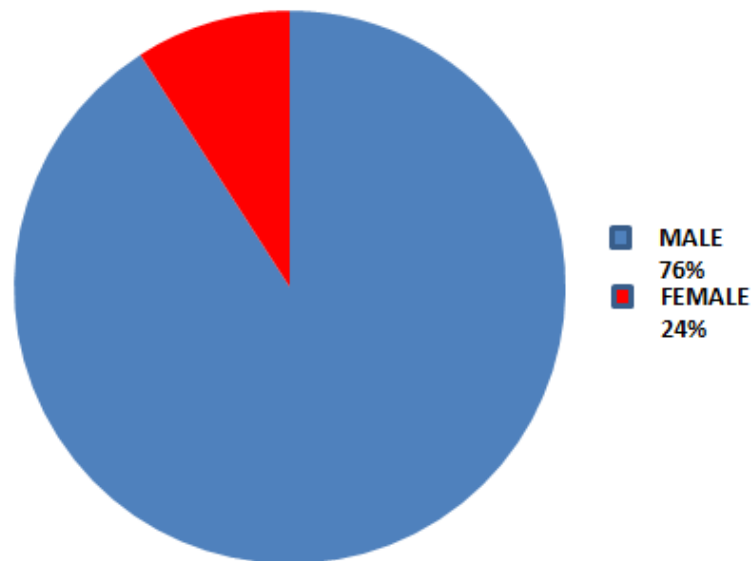


OBSERVATION AND RESULTS

Out of 50 patients males were 38 females were 12. In out of 100 percentage males were 76% and females were 24%.

	Freq	%	Valid %	Cumulative %
Valid Male	38	76.0	76.0	76.0
Female	12	24.0	24.0	100.0
Total	50	100.0	100.0	

Table: 1 Sex difference of the patients



Picture: 22 - sex ratio of the ASTEMI patients

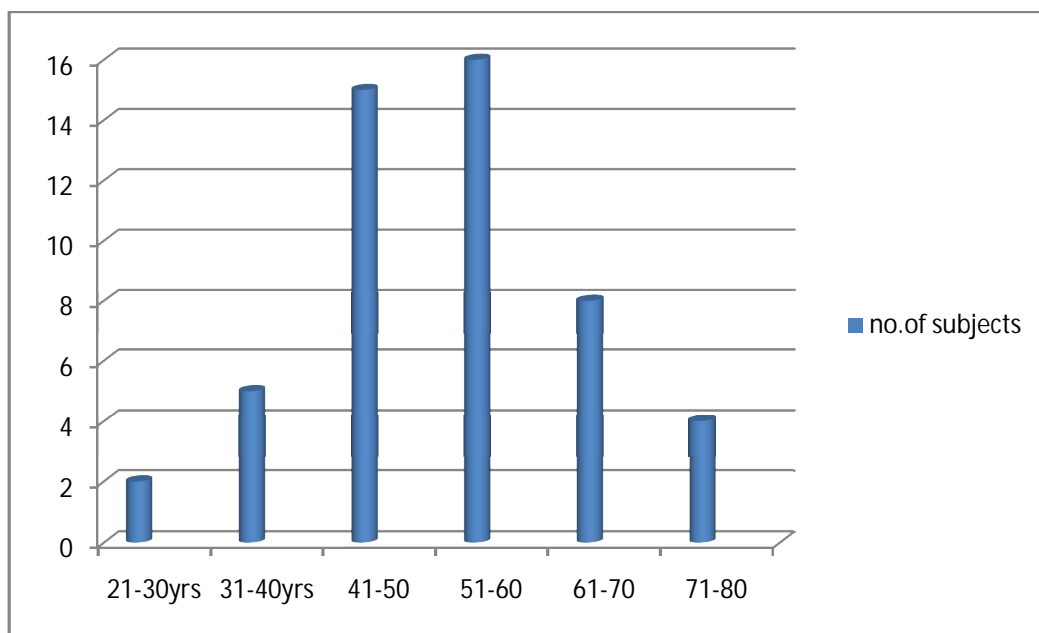
Table: 2 Age and sex distribution of ASTEMI patients

Sex	Age in yrs
Males	28-77yrs
Females	44- 75yrs
Overall	28-77yrs

	Frequency	%	Valid %	Cumulative %
Valid 21-30 yrs	2	4.0	4.0	4.0
31-40 yrs	5	10.0	10.0	14.0
41-50 yrs	15	30.0	30.0	44.0

51-60 yrs	16	32.0	32.0	76.0
61-70 yrs	8	16.0	16.0	92.0
71-80	4	8.0	8.0	100.0
Total	50	100.0	100.0	

Table: 3 age group with frequency



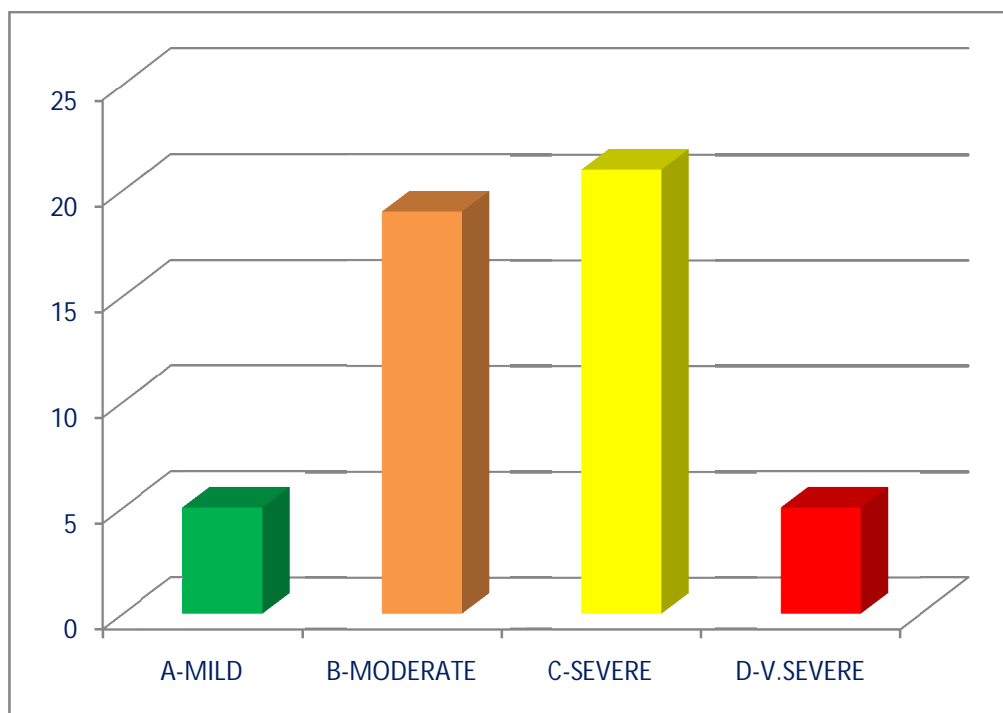
Picture: 23 - Age distribution of ASTEMI patients

Age group more commonly came with acute MI are 51-60 years, next age group are 41-50years then 61-70 years.

EA:

		Freq	%	Valid %	Cumulative %
Valid	A	5	10.0	10.0	10.0
	B	19	38.0	38.0	48.0
	C	21	42.0	42.0	90.0
	D	5	10.0	10.0	100.0
	Total	50	100.0	100.0	

Table: 4 Percentage of EA in ASTEMI patients



Picture: 24 - % of EA in ASTEMI

Out of fifty patients mild aggregation Grade A are observed in 5(10%) patients, Grade B EA observed in 19(38%) patients. Grade C aggregation observed in 21(42%) patients. Grade D aggregation observed in 5(10%) patients.

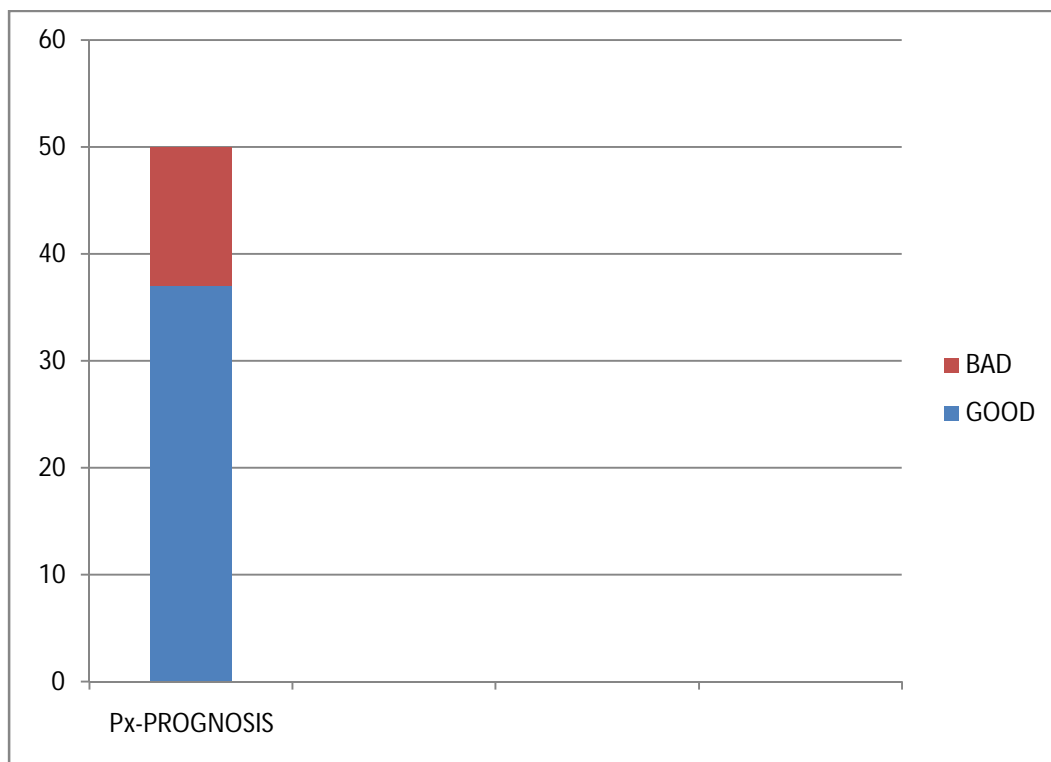
EA grades with prognosis of the patient

		Frequency	%	Valid %	Cumulative %
Valid	Good	37	74.0	74.0	74.0
	Bad	13	26.0	26.0	100.0
	Total	50	100.0	100.0	

Table: 5 Good and Bad Px in total number of cases

Out of fifty patients 12 patients were female and 7(58.3%) patients had good prognosis and 5(41.7%) patients had bad prognosis. 38(78.9%) patients were male among this 8(21.1%) patients had bad prognosis.

Out of fifty patients with ASTEMI 5 showed Grade A RBCs aggregation, all of them had Good prognosis (100%).



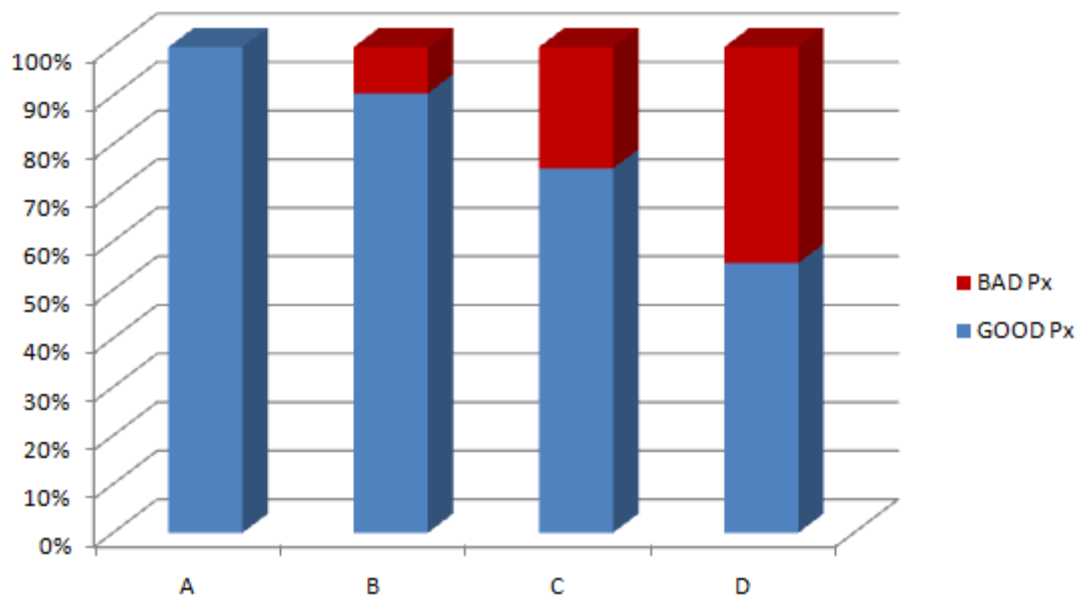
Picture: 25 - Good and Bad Px in total number of patients

Out of fifty patients 13 patients ASTEMI had Bad prognosis within one week period of followup. 37 patients had Good prognosis.

In patients Grade B RBCs aggregation was observed, out of this 17(89.5%) had good prognosis and 2(10.5%) patients had bad prognosis. Grade C RBCs aggregation observed in 21 patients, out of this 14 patients (66.7%) had good prognosis and 7patients (33.3%) had bad prognosis. Grade D RBCs aggregation observed in 5 patients, out of this 4(80%) had good prognosis and 1(20%) had good prognosis.

			Prognosis within 1 week period		Total
			Good	Bad	
EA grade	Mild	Count	5	0	5
		% within EA grade	100.0%	.0%	100.0%
		% within Prognosis within 1 week period	13.5%	.0%	10.0%
	Moderate	Count	17	2	19
		% within EA grade	89.5%	10.5%	100.0%
		% within Prognosis within 1 week period	45.9%	15.4%	38.0%
	Severe	Count	14	7	21
		% within EA grade	66.7%	33.3%	100.0%
		% within Prognosis within 1 week period	37.8%	53.8%	42.0%
	very Severe	Count	1	4	5
		% within EA grade	20.0%	80.0%	100.0%
		% within Prognosis within 1 week period	2.7%	30.8%	10.0%
	Total	Count	37	13	50
		% within EA grade	74.0%	26.0%	100.0%
		% within Prognosis within 1 week period	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table: 6 Grades of EA Vs prognosis

Picture: 26 - EA grades Vs prognosis with in 1 week

ASTEMI patients with Grades C and D were significantly associated with bad prognosis, similarly Grades A and B were significantly associated with good prognosis. It was done by Chi-square Test and the P value is observed $P=0.006$. This P value is <0.05 , hence it is statistically significant.

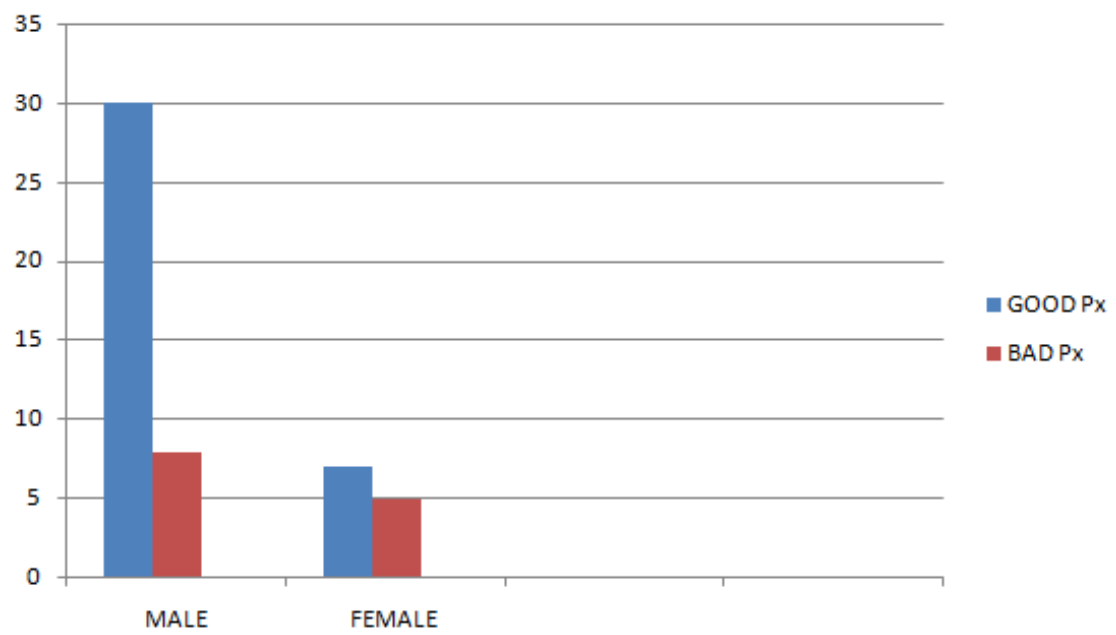
	Value	df	Significance p
Pearson Chi-Square	12.286(a)	3	.006
Likelihood Ratio	12.781	3	.005
Linear-by-Linear Association	10.648	1	.001
N of Valid Cases	50		

Table:7 Chi-square test

Sex ratio Vs Prognosis:

			Prognosis within 1 week period		Total
			Good	Bad	
Sex	Male	Count	30	8	38
		% within Sex	78.9%	21.1%	100.0%
		% within Prognosis within 1 week period	81.1%	61.5%	76.0%
	Female	Count	7	5	12
		% within Sex	58.3%	41.7%	100.0%
		% within Prognosis within 1 week period	18.9%	38.5%	24.0%
Total		Count	37	13	50
		% within Sex	74.0%	26.0%	100.0%
		% within Prognosis within 1 week period	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table:8 Prognosis in males Vs Females



Picture: 27 - Sex ratio Vs Px

OTHER VARIABLES COMPARED WITH GRADES OF EA

ANOVA

		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
SGOT	Between Groups	1050.657	3	350.219	1.466	.236
	Within Groups	10988.623	46	238.883		
	Total	12039.280	49			
Cardiac Enzymes - CPK – MB	Between Groups	311.461	3	103.820	.980	.410
	Within Groups	4872.859	46	105.932		
	Total	5184.320	49			
Cardiac Enzymes - TROP - T	Between Groups	1.949	3	.650	1.627	.196
	Within Groups	18.371	46	.399		
	Total	20.320	49			
TG	Between Groups	644.964	3	214.988	1.067	.373
	Within Groups	9272.256	46	201.571		
	Total	9917.220	49			
LDL	Between Groups	689.788	3	229.929	1.957	.134
	Within Groups	5403.332	46	117.464		
	Total	6093.120	49			
HDL	Between Groups	133.507	3	44.502	1.450	.241
	Within Groups	1412.173	46	30.699		
	Total	1545.680	49			
Total Cholesterol	Between Groups	970.333	3	323.444	1.624	.197
	Within Groups	9160.547	46	199.142		
	Total	10130.880	49			
ESR	Between Groups	75.925	3	25.308	1.512	.224
	Within Groups	770.075	46	16.741		
	Total	846.000	49			
Leucocyte Count	Between Groups	1891524.311	3	630508.104	.377	.770
	Within Groups	76878275.689	46	1671266.863		
	Total	78769800.000	49			
	Between Groups	523.250	3	174.417	1.285	.291
	Within Groups	6243.870	46	135.736		
	Total	6767.120	49			

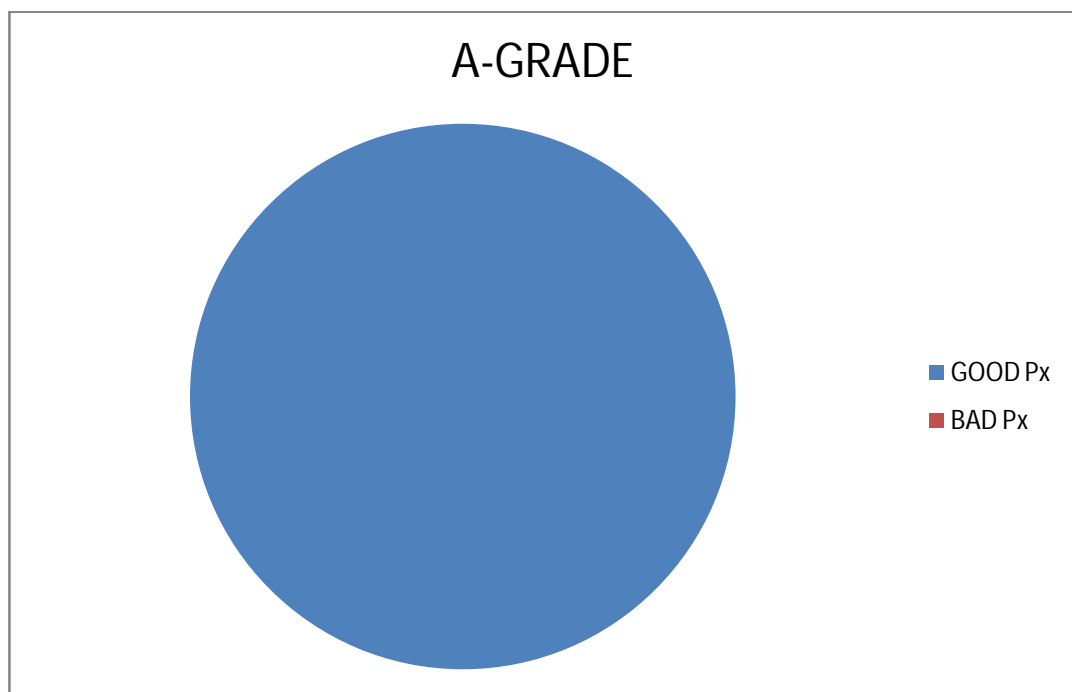
Table:9Anova Other variables Vs prognosis

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	Df	Sig. (2- tailed	Mean Difference	Std. Error Difference	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
ESR	Equal variances assumed	.046	.830	-1.313	48	.195	-1.75	1.330	-4.420	.928
	Equal variances not assumed			-1.250	19.341	.226	-1.75	1.398	-4.668	1.175
Leucocyte Count	Equal variances assumed	.656	.422	-.702	48	.486	-288.36	410.918	-1114.564	537.849
	Equal variances not assumed			-.779	25.985	.443	-288.36	370.080	-1049.089	472.374
SGOT	Equal variances assumed	2.156	.149	-1.556	48	.126	-7.75	4.982	-17.768	2.267
	Equal variances not assumed			-1.698	25.011	.102	-7.75	4.566	-17.154	1.653
Cardiac Enzymes - CPK – MB	Equal variances assumed	3.021	.089	-2.460	48	.018	-7.77	3.158	-14.116	-1.418
	Equal variances not assumed			-2.164	17.230	.045	-7.77	3.589	-15.331	-.204

Cardiac Enzymes - TROP - T	Equal variances assumed	1.248	.270	-.487	48	.629	-.102	.2093	-.5226	.3189
	Equal variances not assumed			-.446	18.269	.661	-.102	.2282	-.5807	.3770
TG	Equal variances assumed	1.664	.203	-2.074	48	.143	-9.21	4.440	-18.134	-.281
	Equal variances not assumed			-2.446	29.939	.121	-9.21	3.764	-16.895	-1.521
LDL	Equal variances assumed	.525	.472	.032	48	.975	.12	3.633	-7.187	7.420
	Equal variances not assumed			.031	19.581	.976	.12	3.788	-7.797	8.030
HDL	Equal variances assumed	.000	.984	-1.150	48	.256	-2.07	1.805	-5.704	1.554
	Equal variances not assumed			-1.159	21.351	.259	-2.07	1.791	-5.795	1.646
Total Cholesterol	Equal variances assumed	4.731	.035	-2.586	48	.113	-11.35	4.388	-20.170	-2.524
	Equal variances not assumed			-3.093	30.981	.104	-11.35	3.669	-18.830	-3.864

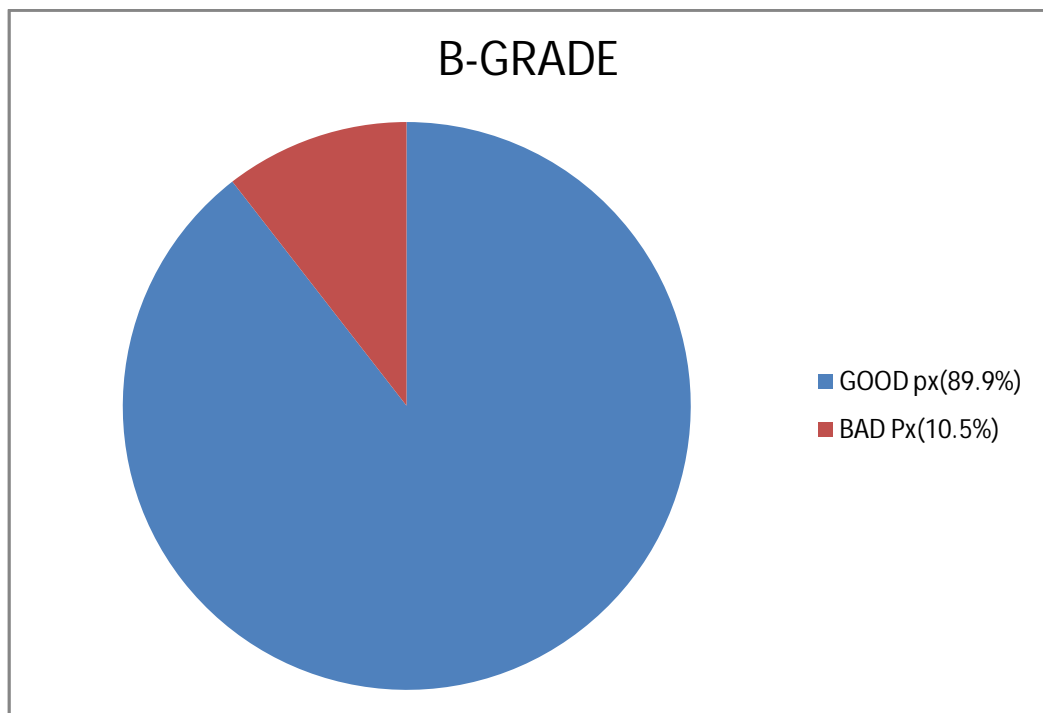
Table10 other variables with prognosis P values

Other variables, ESR, leucocyte count, SGOT, cardiac enzymes and lipid profile were correlated with prognosis of the ASTEMI patients. All are not statistically significant except cardiac enzymes CPK-MB.



Picture: 28 - EA A grade Vs Px

Picture: - 29 Percentage of EA B Grade with Good and Bad Px



Picture: 30 - Percentage of C GRADE with Good and Bad Px

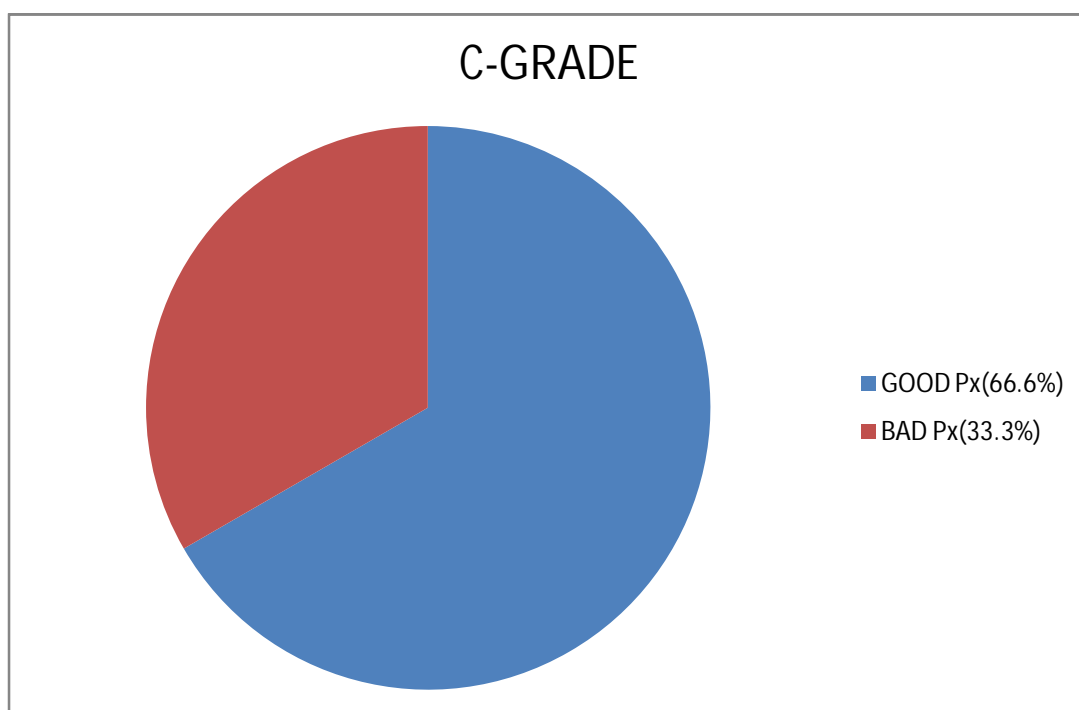
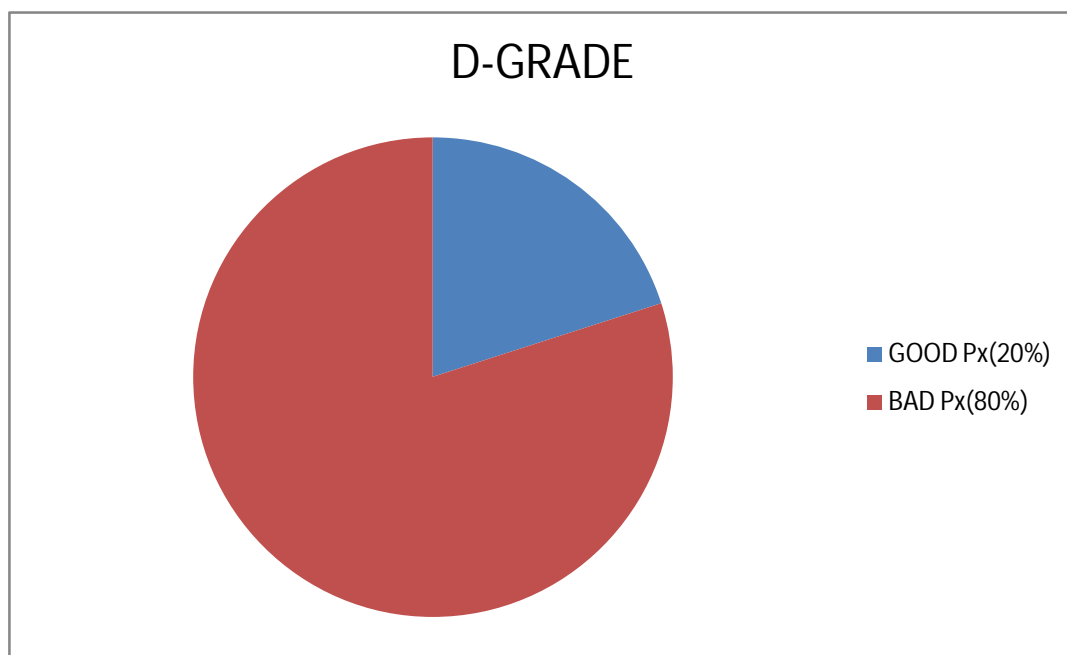
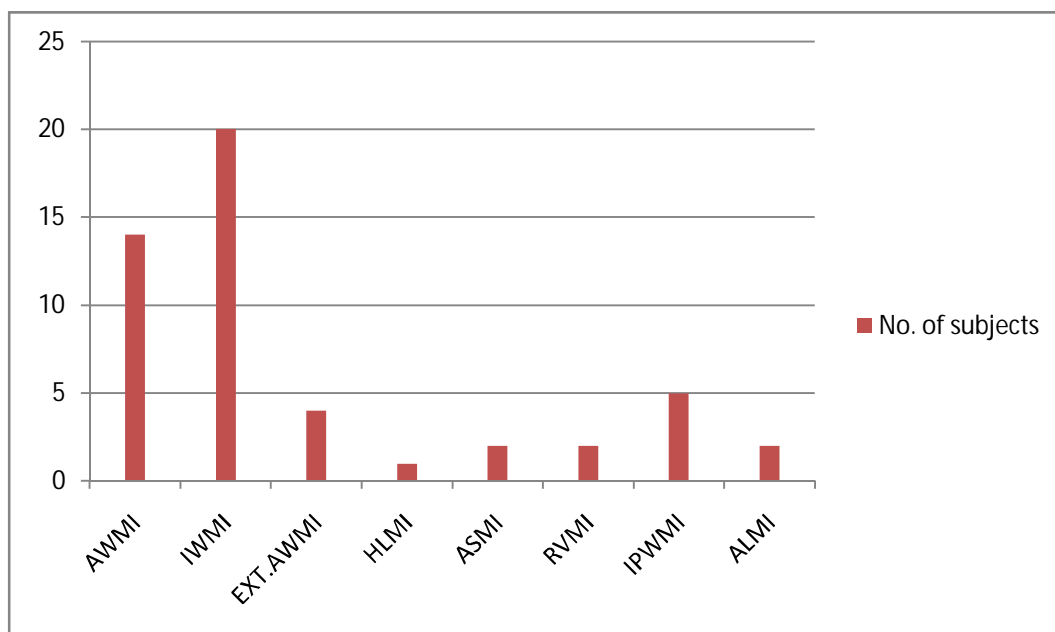


Figure: 31 - Percentage of D GRADE with Good and Bad Px



		Frequency	%	Valid %	Cumulative %
Valid	ALMI	2	4.0	4.0	4.0
	ASMI	2	4.0	4.0	8.0
	AWMI	14	28.0	28.0	36.0
	EXT	4	8.0	8.0	44.0
	HLMI	1	2.0	2.0	46.0
	IPW MI	5	10.0	10.0	56.0
	IWMI	20	40.0	40.0	96.0
	RVMI	2	4.0	4.0	100.0
	Total	50	100.0	100.0	

Table: 11 ECG frequency in subjects with ASTEMI



Picture: 32 - ECG frequency in subjects

Inferior wall MI is more frequency than other ASTEMI, second common frequency is Anterior wall MI, less common frequency is RV MI and High lateral MI.

COMPLICATIONS:

		Frequency	%	Valid %	Cumulative %
Valid	Nil	37	74.0	74.0	74.0
	Died	6	12.0	12.0	86.0
	Arrhythmia	4	8.0	8.0	94.0
	LVF	2	4.0	4.0	98.0
	Cardiogenic Shock	1	2.0	2.0	100.0
	Total	50	100.0	100.0	

Table: 12- Frequency of complications in subjects

Out of this fifty patients 37(74%) patients had good prognosis, 4(8%) patients had arrhythmia, 2 patients (4%) had LVF, one patient went to cardiogenic shock. Six (12%) patients died from ASTEMI.

Discussion



DISCUSSION

Acute MI is a major cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide. Atherosclerosis is a chronic inflammation of the vessel wall. Many researchers have performed numerous studies over inflammatory markers in a quest to find a reliable indicator for CHD risk and progression. [16,17,18] In Acute MI, numerous inflammatory markers have been studied and have been linked to poor prognosis. [19-27]

Studies were done to establish that EA formation was high in patients with CHD. It is well known that the EA is determined by forces acting against each other, repulsion of negatively charged cells, cell-to-cell adhesion due to plasma proteins and the force generated by blood flow. [28-32] EA is increased in various inflammatory conditions such as AMI, acute stroke, sepsis etc. [33,34] and it affects the outcome in the patients. Such chronic inflammation in the vessel wall may also be associated with infections and with autoimmune diseases thus indicating the involvement of both humoral and cell-mediated immune mechanisms in CHD. [35-38]

Neumann et al. did a study to determine the prognostic significance of altered plasma viscosity and EA in unstable angina. It was a study of 96 patients with unstable angina.

The patients were given standardized protocol management and were either followed up for six months or until surgical intervention. Results showed that plasma viscosity and EA were better predictors for AMI than age, gender, fibrinogen levels, ST segment changes. Also, Holter monitoring with ST segment analysis showed the ischemic episodes were more common in cases with high EA. [39]

In a study by Ruhenstroth-Bamu, EA value was studied in groups of patients with and without CHD and in normal subjects using the Metricell apparatus. The results showed that EA was strongly associated with MI and arteriosclerosis of peripheral arteries. [40]

Arbe et al performed a study showing EA as a cause of sluggish blood flow in ACS. [41] In 1988, it was recommended by International Committee for Standardization in Hematology that Erythrocyte sedimentation rate can be a vital test for the monitoring of chronic inflammatory processes. [42] Various studies were done and Erythrocyte sedimentation rate was found to have potential predictive importance in CAD. [19,43]

Erik Ingelsson et al found that Erythrocyte sedimentation rate could be a strong predictor of CAD mortality. The study was performed on 2,314 middle-aged men free from HF, MI and valvular heart disease. In follow-up time of 30 years, 282 men developed HF. The study concluded that Erythrocyte sedimentation rate was a significant predictor

of HF, independent of other risk factors for HF and AMI. However, in this study, Erythrocyte sedimentation rate was determined by Westergren's method and Erythrocyte sedimentation rate greater than just 6 mm/hr was considered to be a positive test. [44]

In another study by Erikssen et al, the Erythrocyte sedimentation rate was determined in 2014 healthy men aged 40–60 years and the test was repeated 7 years later. Erythrocyte sedimentation rate strongly correlated with age, haemoglobin level, smoking status, total cholesterol level and systolic blood pressure. Erythrocyte sedimentation rate was estimated using Westergren's method. $ESR > 15$ mm/hr was observed in men who had developed angina and/or had a positive stress Electrocardiogram test at the second survey. The study concluded by stating that Erythrocyte sedimentation rate is a strong predictor of CHD mortality. [45]

Andrea Natali et al also performed a study to evaluate the relation between Erythrocyte sedimentation rate and the extension of atherosclerosis (ATS) and CHD mortality. It was a retrospective study with follow up period of 92 months. Study was performed in 1726 patients undergoing angiography and subsequent mortality were related to Erythrocyte sedimentation rate and to other risk factors. Erythrocyte sedimentation rate was progressively higher in the presence of 1, 2, or 3-vessel disease and *P* value was < 0.0001 . In

the follow-up period, 170 patients died of a cardiac cause. Erythrocyte sedimentation rate was considered high when it was $>18\text{ mm/h}$ and $>23\text{ mm/h}$ in males and females respectively. The study concluded that Erythrocyte sedimentation rate is an independent correlate of coronary artery disease and that it is a predictor of poor prognosis in IHD. [46]

In the study by Atla Bhagya Lakshmi et al, the mean Erythrocyte sedimentation rate of ASTEMI (29 ± 17.34) was significantly higher than the mean Erythrocyte sedimentation rate of control group (15.5 ± 12.37). Prognosis of the patients with ASTEMI and comparison of grades with Erythrocyte sedimentation rate was not mentioned. [9]

Joseph Yayan also performed a study on patients with angina pectoris and myocardial infarction undergoing a heart catheter examination vs control group. The Erythrocyte sedimentation rate was prolonged in 79 (58.09%) of 136 patients. 69 (50.74%) patients had CHD with prolonged Erythrocyte sedimentation rate. The Erythrocyte sedimentation rate was also prolonged in ten (7.35%) patients without CHD. The specificity of the Erythrocyte sedimentation rate for CHD was 70.59% and the sensitivity was 67.65% which shows that Erythrocyte sedimentation rate is not always a dependable marker. The study concluded that Erythrocyte

sedimentation rate may be a useful additional diagnostic criterion for CHD.

[47] But the association was termed as frequent rather than always.

In view of various such studies done, of all the parameters available, Erythrocyte sedimentation rate came out as a cheap, fast and widely applicable inflammatory marker to assess inflammation and EA in patients with CAD. But Erythrocyte sedimentation rate correlates poorly with EA due to the confounding effects of temperature, PCV, albumin, hemodilution by anticoagulants. Erythrocyte sedimentation rate also does not differentiate whether EA can be a cause of cellular factors or of plasma factors. [29,33] The Erythrocyte sedimentation rate is a useful test in clinical practice also as an indicator of other inflammatory processes, infection, trauma or malignant disorders, stroke etc. As

the age of patients prone to coronary artery diseases and other inflammatory processes like arthritis, vasculitis etc. is common; specificity of the test becomes low. And this arises the need of a test that correlates better to assess EA in CHD patients. [9,48]

Hysiet al also did a study proposing the use of photoacoustics (PA) for the detection and characterization of RBC aggregation via 2D simulation. Samples were exposed to 1064 nm laser irradiation. Various concentrations of Dextran-70 were used to induce RBCs aggregation. Experimental results confirmed that PA had the ability to detect

and quantify RBCs aggregation. [50]

Berliner for the first time did a study known as slide test on two thousand five hundred eighty-six individuals. They excluded individuals with chronic inflammatory diseases, collagen vascular disease, autoimmune disease or chronic skin disease. Blood count, Erythrocyte sedimentation rate and fibrinogen levels were estimated. Three volumes of venous blood was taken following overnight fast with 1 volume of 3.8% sodium citrate. One drop of this mixture was trickled on the slide at an angle of 30° leaving a fine film. The slides were dried at room temperature, stained and scanned by using an image analysis system (INFLAMET). [9,48]

156 individuals were found to have vascular disease. There were 95 men and 61 women (M:F ratio as 3.1:2) at a mean age of 61.6 ± 13.6 yrs. The study was not performed on patients with a specific diagnosis but still showed that EAMay be a useful biomarker showing superiority over other commonly used markers to detect inflammation in subjects with atherosclerotic heart disease. [51]

Atla Bhagya Lakshmi et al performed a study with the aim of using a slide test to test for EAM in subjects with acute STEMI, acute ischemic stroke and healthy controls and also to study the prognostic

value of Erythrocyte sedimentation rate and EAA in predicting the 1-week outcome of the subjects of acute STEMI and acute ischemic stroke. They studied thirty subjects of acute STEMI who were admitted within 6 hrs of onset of pain in the chest, subjects with pain lasting more than 30 minutes and subjects with 1 mm ST segment elevation in at least two contiguous electrocardiogram leads. [9]

EA can be determined accurately by commercially available systems, the Myrene Rheometer and cell flow meter. It analyzes the aggregate size distribution which is expressed as the number of cells per aggregate, as a function of shear stress. However, they are incredibly expensive and need a high-end lab set-up. A simple slide technique using citrated blood with image analysis was designed by Israeli researchers to assess EA.

Zeltser et al did a similar study where they adapted a similar technique to reveal the state of EA in 206 patients with ischemic heart disease and 134 patients with ischemic neurological event. [52]

Atla Bhagya Lakshmi et al took a single large drop of citrated blood (one volume of 0.8% citrate to three volumes of blood) and trickled on a slide positioned at 45°. The slide was left inclined for 10 sec. leaving a fine film. A similar procedure was followed by us. A drop of blood was collected before commencing any treatment to the patient. [9]

The slides were stained with four to five drops of Leishman stain and left for two min. This was followed by twice the amount of DW. After 8 min, the slides were washed, dried and examined. The subjects were on follow up for a week and the outcomes were recorded. We deployed a similar methodology in our study. Blood sample was collected from antecubital vein immediately after admission. Subsequently, the patients were managed according to the standard treatment protocol of our hospital. Erythrocyte sedimentation rate by Westergren's method and slide test, EAT were performed along with other investigations. [9]

Zeltser et al took three volumes of venous blood with one volume of 3.8% sodium citrate. Large drops of this sample were placed on a slide that was held for two to three seconds only at 45° leaving a fine film. The slides were then dried and automatic staining was performed by means of the HEMA TEK slide stainer. [52]

In the study by Atla Bhagya Lakshmi et al, among thirty patients of AMI, 21 were males and 9 were females of age ranging from 26 to 80 years. Male to female ratio was 2.3:1 and the mean age of the subjects was 51.87 ± 13.11 years. Among 30 subjects, there were seventeen males and thirteen females. The sex ratio was 1.3:1 with mean age of the controls, 40.966 ± 12.73 years. Zeltser et al examined a total of 134 patients with ischemic heart disease; 89

males and 45 females, M:F ratio 1.99:1. [9]

In our study, out of 50 patients, 38 were males and 12 were females, M:F ratio 3.1:1. The age of females ranged from 44-75 years, the average age being 60.5 ± 10.55 years. The age of males ranged from 28-77 years, the average age being 55.5 ± 10.5 years. Combining the males and females, the age ranged from 26-86 years with the average age being 58.1 ± 10.9 years.

In the study by Atla Bhagya Lakshmi et al, 50% (15 of 30) of patients of AMI belonged to C and D grades. Among the controls, only 2 of the 30 subjects belonged to grades C and D. In our study, 8 patients showed Grade A, 53 patients showed Grade B, 34 patients showed Grade C and 5 patients showed Grade D RBC aggregation. [9]

In the study by Zeltser et al EAA was not assessed as grades, rather comparison was made on the basis of variables called Erythrocyte Percentage (EP), Aggregation Radius (AR) & Vacuum Radius (VR). A significant ($P < 0.0001$) correlation was found between the EAA and both fibrinogen concentrations and ESR. Importantly, there was a subgroup of 49 patients who had normal fibrinogen concentrations

and a highly significant increment in the EA. [52]

In our study, Out of 50 patients, 5 showed Grade A RBC aggregation and all of them had good prognosis.

Nineteen 19 patients showed Grade B RBC aggregation, out of which 17 patients (89.5.6%) had good prognosis, one patient had arrhythmia and 1 patients died. Overall there were 2 patients with bad prognosis (10.5%).

Twenty one (21) showed Grade C RBC aggregation, out of which 14 patients (66.7%) had good prognosis, 7 patients (33.3%) with bad prognosis.

Five (5) patients showed Grade D RBC aggregation. Only one (20%) had good prognosis. 2 patients (40%) had arrhythmia and shock and 2 patients (40%) died. Overall 4 patients (80%) had bad prognosis.

Correlation of grades of RBC aggregation was done with prognosis of the patient and the result was statistically significant with p value 0.006.

Conclusion



CONCLUSION

EAAT is a non-complex slide test performed in bedside. The slides can be assessed subjectively and can be graded based on the degree of aggregation. EA is a useful biomarker to detect internal inflammation in individuals with atherothrombotic risk factors.

The test may have the potential to assess the risk of ASTEMI and also to assess prognosis in subjects with ASTEMI. In the present study, greater EA was seen in subjects of ASTEMI and significant correlation was found between grades of EA and prognosis of the patient. Patients with severe grades of EA C&D are high risk individuals for complications. The high risk patients are candidates for PCI (delayed PCI).

Ideally quantification of aggregations should also consider the thickness of the aggregate. Specific guidelines are to be laid down for preparation of slides which explain the amount of blood to be taken, amount of anticoagulant to be added, concentration of the anticoagulant, angle of inclination of slide and time span of inclination.

In the current study, stained slides were assessed and graded. They were found to be excellent prognostic indicators in patients with MI. It is a simple bedside procedure and is less expensive. Thus, it can be used as a screening test for high-risk individuals.

Therefore this study concludes that slide test shows better correlation with the prognosis and aided well to detect the presence of internal inflammation in Acute STEMI.

Summary



SUMMARY

Erythrocyte adhesiveness and aggregation test is a useful biomarker to detect internal inflammation in individuals with atherothrombotic risk factors. Atherosclerosis is associated with chronic inflammation of the arterial wall; therefore, many researchers have performed various studies over inflammatory markers and markers of erythrocyte adhesiveness and aggregation so as to find reliable indicators of coronary heart disease (CHD) risk and progression. [16,17,18,63]

EA can be determined accurately by commercially available systems. However, they are very expensive. ESR is a cheap, fast and widely applicable inflammatory marker to assess inflammation and EA in patients with CHD, but ESR correlates poorly with EA due to the confounding effects. [64]

So we did a study with the aim of using the simple slide test to test for EA in subjects with acute ST-elevated MI (STEMI) and to study the prognostic value of ESR and EA and adhesiveness test (EAAT) in predicting the 1-week outcome of these subjects.

In the present study, stained slides were assessed and graded. Greater EA was seen in subjects of acute MI and

significant correlation was found between grades of EA and prognosis of the patient.

Patients with severe grades of EA C&D are high risk individuals for complications. The high risk individuals are candidates for percutaneous intervention (delayed PCI) and hence, referred to higher centre for the same.

In the present study, stained slides were assessed and graded and were found to be good prognostic indicators in patients with MI. It is a simple bedside procedure and is cost-effective. Thus, it can be used as a screening test for high-risk individuals.

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Annexure-I

Proforma



PROFORMA

I.CASE NO:

II.TITLE:

A study to assess grades of E/A in acute STEMI and its prognostic significance.

III.SUBJECT INFORMATION:

Name:

Age:

Sex:

Address:

Occupation:

IV.PRESENT HISTORY:

COMPLAINTS:

- Pain in the central or lateral chest wall (feeling of tightness or heaviness, pressure, or squeezing)
- Pain radiating to lower jaw, neck, left arm, back, or epigastric region
- Breathlessness or dyspnoea
- Excessive sweating
- Palpitations
- Nausea, Vomiting
- LOC (loss of consciousness)

V.PAST HISTORY

- Any past history of medication
- DM/SHT
- Previous history heart Surgeries
- Hypercholesterolemia or familial disorder

VI.PERSONAL HISTORY

- Diet:Vegetarian/ Non vegetarian
- Bladder and bowel habits:Regular/Irregular
- Addiction- chronic tobacco use, ethanol consumption, history of Smoking, drug abuse

VII.GENERAL EXAMINATION

- Built
- Nourishment
- Cyanosis
- Pallor
- Jaundice
- Pedal edema
- Lymphadenopathy

VIII.VITALS

1. Pulse: per min
Rate, Rhythm, Character, Volume, Condition of the vessel wall, radio femoral delay
2. Blood pressure: mm/Hg
3. Temperature: °F
4. Respiratory Rate:

VIII.SYSTEM EXAMINATION

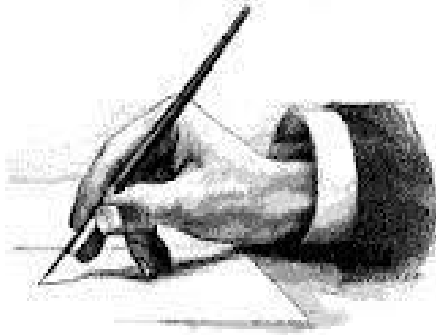
1. Cardiovascularsystem examination:
2. Respiratorysystem examination:
3. Abdomen:
4. Central nervous system examination:

IX. INVESTIGATIONS

1. EA AND ADHESIVENESS TEST
2. ECG:
3. COMPLETE BLOOD COUNT-TC,DC,HB
4. ERYTHROCYTE SEDIMENTAION RATE
5. RFT WITH ELECTROLYTES
6. LFT-ENZYMES,SGOT
7. LIPID PROFILE-TG,LDL,HDL,TOTAL CHOLESTEROL
8. CARDIAC ENZYMES – CPK, LDH
9. ECHO

Annexure–II

Informed Consent



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Annexure–III

Master Chart



MASTER CHART

Case No.	Name	Age	Sex	ECG	Erythro- cyte ag- gregation grade	ESR mm/ hr	LEUCO- CYTE COUNT Cells/cum m	ECHO	SGOT IU/L	Cardiac En- zymes		LIPID PROFILE				Progno- sis with- in 1 Week period	Complications
										CPK- MB IU/L	TRO P-T ng/L	TG mg%	LD L mg %	HD L mg %	TOTAL CHOLE- STEROL mg%		
1.	Ramdev	65	M	AW- MI	B	30	12100	RWMA AW	75	63	6.0	156	105	48	184	GOOD	NIL
2.	Srinivasan	76	M	IWMI	B	32	11600	RWMA IW	48	55	6.9	137	90	50	213	GOOD	NIL
3.	Nagavalli	60	F	IWMI	B	26	10300	RWMA IW	60	73	5.7	158	94	36	206	GOOD	NIL
4.	Rajeshwari	50	F	IWMI	D	30	11200	RWMA IW	72	80	7.1	166	86	42	190	BAD	DIED
5.	Kuppan	51	M	ASMI	C	24	10800	RWMA IVS	40	59	6.5	175	84	38	208	GOOD	NIL
6.	Raja	35	M	IWMI	C	20	9600	RWMA IW	65	79	7.0	159	110	41	200	BAD	ARRYTHMIA
7.	Ramesh	28	M	IWMI	A	22	11000	RWMA IW	55	67	6.3	142	120	40	190	GOOD	NIL
8.	Subramani	60	M	RVM I	B	26	11500	RWMA IW+P	35	51	5.4	168	115	32	208	GOOD	NIL
9.	Madhan	45	M	ALMI	C	20	10400	RWMA AW	40	55	5.9	172	95	45	220	GOOD	NIL
10.	Saravanan	45	M	AW- MI	A	28	12200	RWMA AW	45	60	7.3	160	98	37	189	GOOD	NIL
11.	Kowsalya	75	F	AW- MI	B	30	13000	RWMA AW	54	70	6.2	175	89	43	225	GOOD	NIL
12.	Baskar	45	M	IPW MI	B	26	10300	RWMA IW+P	70	81	6.3	166	85	50	230	GOOD	NIL
13.	Moideenkhan	56	M	IWMI	C	25	9800	RWMA IW	62	50	6.8	109	118	42	180	GOOD	NIL
14.	Venkat	53	M	IWMI	A	28	9700	RWMA IW	72	52	6.0	173	95	37	210	GOOD	NIL
15.	Sekar	58	M	IPW MI	B	30	8600	RWMA IW+P	85	48	7.3	153	99	39	189	GOOD	NIL
16.	Edward	32	M	EXT AW-	C	20	11000	RWMA AW	64	58	6.5	148	115	33	186	GOOD	NIL

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										CPK-MB IU/L	TRO P-T ng/L	TG mg%	LD L mg %	HD L mg %	TOTAL CHOLE-STEROL mg%		
				MI													
17.	Chinnathai	64	F	AW-MI	D	32	9400	RWMA AW	58	62	5.5	168	86	47	205	BAD	DIED
18.	Ramesh	38	M	IWMI	C	18	12200	RWMA IW	45	66	6.7	156	100	50	176	GOOD	NIL
19.	Sumathi	65	F	IWMI	C	28	11500	RWMA IW	60	53	6.2	175	105	40	212	BAD	DIED
20.	Bakayaraj	57	M	IWMI	B	24	7900	RWMA IW	75	69	5.3	167	112	36	209	GOOD	NIL
21.	Mamtha	75	F	IPW MI	C	28	9200	RWMA IW+P	95	65	5.9	162	92	34	216	BAD	DIED
22.	Ravi	46	M	IWMI	C	22	8900	RWMA IW	80	72	7.0	153	96	38	198	GOOD	NIL
23.	Mangalaksmi	77	F	AW-MI	B	24	10200	RWMA AW	70	50	6.6	150	85	30	188	GOOD	NIL
24.	Thiruvengadam	57	M	IWMI	C	28	11300	RWMA IW	48	57	5.7	148	117	44	192	GOOD	NIL
25.	Lakshmi	61	F	AW-MI	C	30	10700	RWMA AW	68	49	6.4	166	110	46	202	BAD	ARRYTHMIA
26.	Rajamuthu	41	M	AW-MI	A	20	11800	RWMA AW	52	71	6.9	154	106	31	190	GOOD	NIL
27.	Velayutham	47	M	EXT AW-MI	C	24	12000	RWMAAW	85	76	5.3	164	112	48	212	BAD	DIED
28.	Muthu	50	M	IWMI	B	20	9600	RWMA IW	78	56	6.9	159	106	35	209	GOOD	NIL
29.	Louis	59	M	ALMI	A	20	11200	RWMA AW	55	63	7.3	149	98	39	185	GOOD	NIL
30.	Murugan	52	M	IWMI	B	28	10400	RWMA IW	60	71	5.9	132	92	40	179	GOOD	NIL
31.	Ibrahim	50	M	AW-MI	D	23	12200	RWMA IW	64	85	6.0	172	106	47	220	BAD	LVF
32.	Vijayan	44	M	IPW MI	B	19	9000	RWMA IW+P	90	81	5.7	154	86	36	201	GOOD	NIL
33.	Anthonyamma	70	F	AW-MI	C	30	10500	RWMA AW	52	63	7.0	169	120	40	216	GOOD	NIL

Case No.	Name	Age	Sex	ECG	Erythrocyte aggragation grade	ESR mm/hr	LEUCOCYTE COUNT Cells/cum m	ECHO	SGOT IU/L	Cardiac Enzymes		LIPID PROFILE				Prognosis with-in 1 Week period	Complications
										CPK-MB IU/L	TRO P-T ng/L	TG mg%	LD L mg %	HD L mg %	TOTAL CHOLE-STEROL mg%		
34.	Sivakumar	63	M	EXT AW-MI	D	32	11200	RWMA AW	65	58	5.5	170	82	33	207	BAD	ARRYTHMIA
35.	Laksmi	50	F	AW-MI	B	25	9000	RWMA AW	48	67	6.3	163	87	49	193	GOOD	NIL
36.	Venkatesan	30	M	EXT AW	C	18	9600	RWAM AW	52	77	7.4	173	94	50	208	BAD	ARRYTHMIA
37.	Basha	38	M	IWMI	B	20	8600	RWMA IW	80	69	6.7	165	108	42	220	GOOD	NIL
38.	Palani	60	M	IWMI	C	30	10200	RWMA IW	45	56	5.4	157	93	46	180	GOOD	NIL
39.	Ganesan	52	M	AW-MI	B	20	13200	RWMA AW	88	49	6.4	175	99	35	225	GOOD	NIL
40.	Egambaram	55	M	AW-MI	C	27	11400	RWMA AW	40	58	5.8	140	106	38	190	GOOD	NIL
41.	Subramani	39	M	IWMI	B	20	9800	RWMA IW	40	54	5.2	120	86	38	197	GOOD	NIL
42.	Fathima	44	F	IWMI	B	22	11000	RWMA IW	76	61	6.3	146	110	45	192	GOOD	NIL
43.	Salim	55	M	IWMI	C	27	10400	RWMA IW	45	62	7.1	153	90	38	212	BAD	CARDIOGENIC-SHOCK
44.	Syed	45	M	RVM I	C	28	12500	RWMA IW+P	82	71	6.6	160	100	40	206	GOOD	NIL
45.	Harinath	49	M	AW-MI	B	25	11600	RWMA AW	70	82	7.3	136	120	48	217	BAD	LVF
46.	Syedbasha	62	M	HLMI	B	30	12000	NO RWMA	80	73	6.7	170	96	40	230	BAD	DIED
47.	Kanniyappan	58	M	ASMI	C	28	11500	RWMA SEPT	56	67	6.1	145	88	44	182	GOOD	NIL
48.	Emmanuel	50	M	AW-MI	C	26	8800	RWMA AW	65	48	5.8	165	92	38	197	GOOD	NIL
49.	Ayusha	65	F	IPW MI	C	30	9200	RWMA IW+P	35	51	7.4	151	96	50	186	GOOD	NIL
50.	Mohan	60	M	IWMI	D	27	9000	RWMA IW	50	65	5.5	163	88	46	204	GOOD	NIL

